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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2016, ON PAGE 231]

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6 [GAVEL]

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT MUST BE ONE OF THOSE HALLELUJAH
8 MORNINGS. IT'S PRETTY RAMBUNCTIOUS OUT THERE IN THE PUBLIC. WE
9 WANT TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER THIS MORNING HERE. GOOD
10 MORNING, EVERYONE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
11 WILL HOLD THEIR APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING. AND WE SHALL ASK THIS
12 MEETING TO COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE
13 LED BY PASTOR DAN HICKS, BY CHURCH OF THE WAY OF VAN NUYS. AND
14 THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY VINCENT LYDAY, FORMER SPECIALIST
15 UNITED STATES ARMY, LOS ANGELES. EVERYONE WILL PLEASE STAND.

16

17 **PASTOR DAN HICKS:** GOOD MORNING. LET'S BOW OUR HEARTS TOGETHER,
18 SHALL WE? FATHER GOD, CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF LIFE, WE THANK
19 YOU FOR THIS DAY AND ITS BEAUTY. WE COME IN HUMBLE SUBMISSION
20 TO YOUR POWER AND TO YOUR AUTHORITY AND YOUR MAJESTY. I THANK
21 YOU FOR THESE WOMEN AND MEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTY IN
22 PARTICULAR. THANK YOU FOR THEIR LIVES OF SERVICE. WE ASK YOU,
23 LORD JESUS, TO COME AND TO MANIFEST YOUR PRESENCE AMONG US
24 TODAY. WE ACKNOWLEDGE, GOD, THAT YOU ARE OVER ALL, IN ALL, AND
25 THROUGH ALL. I ASK YOU TO GIVE THESE WOMEN AND MEN WISDOM AND

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1 COUNSEL AS THEY FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN SERVING LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY. SUPERVISORS, I SAY MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND
3 KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU AND BE
4 GRACIOUS TO YOU. MAKE THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON
5 YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. AMEN.

6

7 **VINCENT LYDAY:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. AND, VETERANS, YOU CAN
8 JOIN ME IN SALUTING OUR FLAG FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
9 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? THANK YOU, MADAME
12 CHAIR. IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO THANK PASTOR DANIEL HICKS,
13 WHO GRADUATED FROM LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1974
14 AND EARNED HIS MASTER OF ARTS FROM ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY IN
15 MY BIRTHTOWN OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, IN 1993. HE AND HIS WIFE
16 HELPED FOUND THE CHURCH AT STONE OAK IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS IN
17 1996. HE SERVED THERE FOR 11 YEARS, RETURNED TO L.A. IN 2007,
18 WHERE HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF
19 THE CHURCH ON THE WAY IN VAN NUYS. PLEASE HELP ME THANK HIM.
20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WE TAKE THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME AND THANK THE PLEDGE VETERAN FOR TODAY.

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1 VINCENT LYDAY WAS A SPECIALIST WITH THE 70TH TRANSPORTATION
2 COMPANY IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM 1980 TO 1983. HE IS A RECIPIENT
3 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE 66TH
4 ANNUAL N.A.H.E.M.A.N. MARCH, A 100-MILE, 4-DAY COMPETITION
5 AGAINST TEAMS FROM THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. HE
6 CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
7 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. HE IS ATTENDING EL CAMINO
8 COLLEGE AND WILL GRADUATE THIS YEAR WITH AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
9 DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. MR. LYDAY IS MARRIED, HAS
10 SIX CHILDREN, AND HAS LIVED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR 45
11 YEARS. AND SO WE SAY TO YOU TODAY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
12 LEADING US IN THIS DAY'S PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IT IS OUR HONOR
13 TO HAVE YOU. AND WE ALSO EXTEND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS A VERY HARDY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
15 NATION. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. VINCENT LYDAY.
16 [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE,
19 WE'LL NOW HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL THE AGENDA.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,
23 REPORT. ON ITEM NO. R-1, WE WILL HOLD FOR A REPORT. ON PAGE 4,
24 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE

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1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ITEM 1-D, THIS ITEM IS
2 BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 KUEHL. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
8 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY. A MEMBER OF THE
9 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR
10 THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ON
11 ITEMS 1-P AND 2-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT
12 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1
13 THROUGH 12, ON ITEM NO. 1, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
14 REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 11, SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS AN ABSTAIN. AND A MEMBER OF
16 THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT WAS ON ITEM
17 NO. 11. AND ON ITEM NO. 12, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
18 REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 4, A MEMBER OF
19 THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING
20 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
23 SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
2 13 THROUGH 46. ON ITEM NO. 15 AND NUMBER 16, A MEMBER OF THE
3 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 17,
4 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
5 AND THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA NO. 48. ON ITEM NO. 19, THE
6 DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS REQUESTS THAT THIS
7 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS UNTIL APRIL 26, 2016. ON ITEM NO.
8 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
9 ITEM NO. 21, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT
10 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 26, 2016. ON ITEMS
11 NUMBER 22, 23, 24 AND 25, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
12 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 29, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
14 31, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
15 ITEM 32, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
16 HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 26, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
17 THIS -- 26 -- A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THAT ITEM
18 BE HELD, AS WELL. ON ITEM NO. 37, AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
19 AGENDA, THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS
20 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 26, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 39,
21 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
22 ITEM 38, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 40, AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
24 INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
25 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 26, 2016. ON ITEM 41, A MEMBER OF

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1 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 45,
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS ABSTAIN, AND WE
3 WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR FOUR VOTES. THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS
4 ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDED
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 25, ORDINANCES FOR
10 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 47 THROUGH 49, ON ITEM 47, THIS IS AN
11 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6,
12 SALARIES, BY AMENDING SECTIONS RELATING TO PHYSICIAN PAY PLAN
13 SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PHYSICIAN AND PHARMACIST
14 POSITIONS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 48, THIS AN ORDINANCE
20 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES,
21 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.60 TO REFLECT A NAME CHANGE FOR THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
23 BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND
24 ADDING, DELETING AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND

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1 NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THIS
2 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM WAS NOT HELD?

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OH. THIS ITEM IS HELD FOR A MEMBER
7 OF THE PUBLIC. AND THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 17. ON
8 ITEM 49, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY
9 CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION, BUSINESS AND WAGE
10 REGULATION, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNTY MINIMUM
11 WAGE ORDINANCE BY AMENDING A SECTION TO DESIGNATE THE DIRECTOR
12 OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
13 ORDINANCE AND ADDING A CHAPTER TO ESTABLISH A WAGE ENFORCEMENT
14 PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS
15 ITEM BE HELD, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, AS WELL. ON PAGE 27,
16 BUDGET MATTER NO. 50, THIS ITEM IS HELD FOR THE CHIEF
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS
18 TO BE RECORDED AS AN ABSTENTION ON THE PROVISIONAL FINANCING
19 USES BUDGET UNIT FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT ATTORNEY
20 AND ON THE RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION IN THE PROVISIONAL
21 FINANCING USES FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT ATTORNEY.
22 ON PAGE 28, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
23 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
24 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 51-A, SUPERVISOR
25 KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE

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1 HELD. ON ITEM 51-B, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS
2 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 51-C, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 51-D, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 51-E, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT PART 4, WHICH DIRECTS THE AUDITOR-
15 CONTROLLER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD, BE CONTINUED TO
16 MAY 10, 2016. AND SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KNABE REQUEST
17 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** PART 4 WILL BE CONTINUED TO MAY 10,
20 2016. PART 4. AND THE ITEMS HELD. SUPERVISORS KNABE AND
21 ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM 51-F, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

25

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
2 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE I.C.A.N.
6 CHILD-ABUSE-PREVENTION REPRESENTATIVES THIS MORNING. COME ON
7 UP. I WANT TO SEE THE CHILDREN UP FRONT. GOOD MORNING. TODAY I
8 ASK THE BOARD TO JOIN COUNTIES AND STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY
9 IN PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.
10 UNFORTUNATELY, CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY HAVE SUFFERED FROM
11 ABUSE, NEGLECT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND EXPLOITATION. SOME
12 SUFFER BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, AND OTHERS CONTINUE TO SUFFER
13 BECAUSE NOBODY WANTED TO SEE IT OR NOBODY WANTED TO GET
14 INVOLVED OR KNEW WHAT TO DO. WE HAVE A MONUMENTAL
15 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT VULNERABLE CHILDREN. BUT WE CAN'T
16 SOLVE THIS PROBLEM ALONE. WE NEED EVERY AGENCY, EVERY
17 PROFESSIONAL, VOLUNTEER, EVERY COMMUNITY MEMBER, FRIEND,
18 FAMILY, A NEIGHBOR, TO BE A PART OF THE SAFETY NET FOR THESE
19 CHILDREN, OUR CHILDREN. FOR OVER 30 YEARS, I.C.A.N. AND
20 I.C.A.N. ASSOCIATES HAVE WORKED TO BRING ALL AGENCIES, THE
21 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE SHARED
22 RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILD SAFETY. AND AS A RESULT, THEY HAVE
23 GIVEN US HOPE. FEWER CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO FATALITIES.
24 FEWER ACCIDENTAL DEATHS. LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH PUBLIC
25 AWARENESS. RESPONSE TO TRAUMATIC GRIEF AND LOSS SUFFERED BY

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1 CHILDREN AFTER LOSING A PARENT OR SIBLING, THE NEXUS BETWEEN
2 CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO
3 GO, FOLKS. THE LOSS OF ANY CHILD, AS YOU KNOW, IS VERY TRAGIC
4 AND UNACCEPTABLE. THE ARTWORK TODAY BEING DISPLAYED BY OUR
5 CHILDREN HERE REFLECTS THE REALITY THAT CHILD ABUSE IS NO
6 SECRET. CHILD ABUSE AFFECTS ALL OF US, EVEN CHILDREN IN SAFE
7 HOMES AND WHO ARE PAINFULLY AWARE OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO
8 OTHERS. AND SO TODAY WE GIVE THANKS TO I.C.A.N., THE I.C.A.N.
9 ASSOCIATES, AND THESE CHILDREN FROM CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE
10 COUNTY FOR EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS THROUGH THEIR ARTWORK AND
11 BRINGING THEIR MESSAGES OF HOPE AND SAFETY TO ALL OF US HERE,
12 TO THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND TO
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GIFTS, FOR
14 YOUR KINDNESS, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN
15 HELPING TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS
16 SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE HIDDEN, THAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT BACK.
17 AND THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE AND GRACING US WITH YOUR
18 ARTWORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **DEANNE TILTON-DURFEE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I
21 MUST SAY TO BEGIN WITH THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS SERVES AS A ROLE
22 MODEL FOR SO MANY CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY AS TO WHAT THEY CAN
23 ASPIRE TO WHEN THEY GROW UP BECAUSE OF WHAT SHE HAS DONE FOR
24 OUR COMMUNITY, WHAT SHE'S DONE TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE, 17
25 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATIVE BILLS, AND EVERY DAY SHE'S

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1 COMMITTED HERSELF TO MAKING LIFE BETTER IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR
2 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AS SHE SAID, CHILD ABUSE IS NOT THE
3 DOMAIN OF ANY ONE AGENCY, ONE ORGANIZATION. IT IS NOT
4 SOMETHING THAT CAN BE RESOLVED EVEN THROUGH THE PUBLIC SECTOR.
5 SO I MAKE A PLEA TO COMMUNITIES, TO PEOPLE WHO MAY KNOW ABOUT
6 A CHILD WHO IS ENDANGERED, A CHILD THEY WORRY ABOUT, BECAUSE
7 IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD, BUT IT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE
8 PERSON TO EITHER HURT A CHILD. IT MAY ONLY TAKE ONE PERSON TO
9 SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE. SO MAKE THAT CALL. CHILD ABUSE REPORTS
10 ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT IT IS MAKING
11 A DIFFERENCE. THE REPORTS ARE GOOD, REPORTS TO THE CHILD ABUSE
12 HOTLINE. IN 1991, WE HAD 61 LITTLE CHILDREN WHO WERE KILLED BY
13 A PARENT OR CAREGIVER. LAST YEAR THAT NUMBER FELL TO 15. THAT
14 IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE. [APPLAUSE.] IN THE YEAR 2010, WE HAD 69
15 INFANTS UNDER AGE 1 WHO DIED FROM UNSAFE SLEEPING. AND WITH
16 OUR CAMPAIGN, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRING THAT NUMBER DOWN TO 35.
17 THAT'S HALF OF THE CHILDREN, THE BABIES WHO DIED FROM UNSAFE
18 SLEEPING ARE ALIVE TODAY. WE SAW A MONUMENTAL DECLINE IN
19 THIRD-PARTY HOMICIDES. AND THEN THERE'S ONE NUMBER WE LIKE TO
20 SEE RISE, AND THAT'S THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN
21 SAFELY SURRENDERED, 145 UP UNTIL LAST WEEKEND, THANKS TO THE
22 LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND THAT NUMBER WAS ZERO IN
23 2001. SO WE HAVE A LOT OF DATA AND A LOT OF NUMBERS, BUT IT'S
24 A VERY PERSONAL THING. YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IT CAN HAPPEN. AND
25 LET ME SAY TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HURT WHEN YOU WERE

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1 CHILDREN: YOU'RE NOT ALONE. SO SEEK HELP. TALK TO A COUNSELOR.
2 LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED DOESN'T HAVE TO BE
3 REPEATED AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THE ANSWER. SO THANK YOU,
4 BOARD, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR
5 REPRESENTING A ROLE MODEL FOR KIDS EVERYWHERE. AND THANK YOU,
6 SCHOOLS AND KIDS, FOR CARING ABOUT OTHER KIDS AND BEING HERE
7 TODAY ON THEIR BEHALF. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CONTEST.
10 THIS IS THE 31ST YEAR OF THE CONTEST. AND IT'S OUR PUBLIC
11 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES TO
12 EMPOWER STUDENTS WITH THE ABILITY TO HAVE THE TOOLS TO
13 RECOGNIZE A SITUATION THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN OR SAFE SLEEPING
14 TIPS FOR NEWBORNS OR THE SAFE-HAVEN LAW. SO ALL IN WHAT A HOME
15 SHOULD BE LIKE. IT'S ALL DONE WITH THE TEACHERS. AND I APPLAUD
16 THE TEACHERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THEY GO THROUGH
17 THE GUIDELINES ON A VERY OPEN-ENDED CONTEST. AND THESE
18 STUDENTS FROM ALL THE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT
19 TURNED IN POSTERS, THESE 26 FINALISTS WERE DETERMINED BY
20 DOCENTS FROM THE L.A. COUNTY ART MUSEUM AND THE FINALISTS
21 PANEL TO JUDGE THE WINNERS. AND THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER WERE
22 DONE BY A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS AND I.C.A.N.
23 PEOPLE. THIS YEAR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS WAS ONE OF OUR JUDGES.
24 DIRECTOR PHILIP BROWNING OF D.C.F.S. WAS ONE OF OUR JUDGES.
25 DEANNE TILTON-DURFEE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF I.C.A.N., AND THE

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1 COCHAIRS OF I.C.A.N., SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL AND D.A. JACKIE
2 LACEY, AS WELL AS THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING
3 AND EDUCATION AT L.A. COUNTY ART MUSEUM. AND THERE WERE OTHER
4 ARTISTS, AS WELL. SO, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THIS GROUP
5 ALSO REPRESENTS CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY FROM LANCASTER,
6 NORTHRIDGE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, ENCINO, TORRANCE, SAN GABRIEL, LA
7 PUENTE, POMONA, DUARTE, SO IT'S THROUGHOUT ALL THE COUNTY. SO
8 I REALLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE HAD FROM THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. AND I WANT TO
10 THANK ALSO I.C.A.N. AND THE KIDS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, AS
11 WELL. SO, KIDS?

12

13 **CHILDREN:** APRIL IS CHILD YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH. THANK YOU,
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I.C.A.N. FOR PROTECTING KIDS. WE HOPE
15 OUR POSTERS HELP.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP OUR TEAM
20 OF LIBRARIANS AND SUPPORT STAFF. I'M NOT SURE IF EVERYONE IS
21 AWARE, BUT THIS MONTH WE'RE CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.
22 IT'S AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIBRARIES, LIBRARY STAFF,
23 VOLUNTEERS, STAKEHOLDERS, PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS, AND COMMUNITY-
24 BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK WITH OUR LIBRARIES. THIS YEAR'S
25 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK TAKES PLACE DURING APRIL 10TH THROUGH

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1 THE 16TH OF THIS YEAR. AND THE THEME IS: LIBRARIES TRANSFORM.
2 AND LET ME TELL YOU, JUST THESE LAST TWO WEEKS, I'VE HAD THE
3 PLEASURE OF VISITING SOME OF THE LIBRARIES IN MY OWN DISTRICT
4 FROM MY OWN HOMETOWN IN LA PUENTE, EAST L.A., AND JUST
5 YESTERDAY WE WERE IN EL MONTE HELPING TO ALSO SPRINGBOARD A
6 PROGRAM TO HELP INCENTIVIZE CITIZENSHIP, WHICH I THINK IS
7 WONDERFUL, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT OUR LIBRARIES SHOULD BE:
8 THRIVING, EXCITING, PLACES THAT OFFER RESUME WRITING AND DO A
9 WHOLE CREATIVE LIST OF THINGS TO HELP STIMULATE OUR COMMUNITY
10 AND LEARNERS. TODAY WE HAVE WITH US TODAY OUR NEW COUNTY
11 LIBRARIAN, SKYE PATRICK, WHO IS REPRESENTING US AND JUST CAME
12 ON BOARD ON FEBRUARY THE 1ST OF THIS YEAR. I ALSO WANT TO
13 REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC
14 LIBRARY HAS BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME. TALK ABOUT 30 YEARS. WHAT
15 ABOUT ALMOST A CENTURY? 1912. HOW ABOUT THAT? TODAY LIBRARIES
16 AND LIBRARIANS ARE LOOKING BEYOND THEIR TRADITIONAL ROLES TO
17 PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
18 LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO
19 DELIVER NEW SERVICES THAT CONNECT PEOPLE, CUSTOMERS, TO WHAT
20 THEY WANT TO KNOW. PLEASE VISIT OUR LOCAL COUNTY LIBRARIES
21 THROUGHOUT THE WEEK BUT EVERY DAY. I KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR
22 YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY UTILIZE THOSE PLACES AS
23 SAFE HAVENS, AS WELL, SOMETIMES FOR HOMELESS, SOMETIMES FOR
24 RUNAWAYS, SOMETIMES FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERGOING MENTAL
25 STRESS. BUT IT'S A PLACE TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE. KIND FACES,

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1 FRIENDLY BOOKS, OPPORTUNITY TO MINGLE AND GET TO KNOW OTHER
2 PEOPLE. I'M SO PROUD OF OUR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM AND WANT TO
3 COMMEND ALL OF YOU AND OUR STAKEHOLDERS. WITH THAT, I WANT TO
4 ALSO HAVE SKYE PATRICK, OUR NEW DIRECTOR, LIBRARIAN, TO SAY A
5 FEW WORDS.

6

7 **SKYE PATRICK:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS RECOGNITION
8 MEANS A LOT TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY, TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY
9 FAMILY. IT WASN'T LONG AGO WHEN PEOPLE DECLARED LIBRARIES
10 OBSOLETE. THEY WERE WRONG. LIBRARIES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN
11 EVER. FAMILIES VISIT OUR LIBRARIES FOR STORY TIME AND EARLY-
12 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN USE OUR HOMEWORK
13 HELP AND PARTAKE IN S.T.E.M. PROGRAMMING. TEENS USE THE
14 LIBRARY TO STUDY, TO GAME, OR TO HANG OUT. ADULTS OF ALL
15 BACKGROUNDS USE OUR LIBRARIES TO CHECK OUT MATERIAL OR TO
16 PARTAKE IN A PROGRAM OR JUST RELAX, AS THE SUPERVISOR
17 MENTIONED. AND WITH ALL OF OUR NEW LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS,
18 OUR LIBRARIES ARE BEING UPGRADED AND MODERNIZED. NATIONAL
19 LIBRARY WEEK IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE EVERYTHING THAT WE LOVE
20 ABOUT LIBRARIES. AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT ONE OF OUR MANY
21 LOCATIONS. OR, OF COURSE, YOU CAN VISIT US ONLINE, TOO, AT OUR
22 VIRTUAL LIBRARY TO ACCESS OUR E-CONTENT. WE PROVIDE CRADLE-TO-
23 GRAVE SERVICES. AND SO PLEASE STOP BY ONE OF OUR 87 LOCATIONS
24 AND ALLOW US TO HELP YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS UP NEXT.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,
4 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE TROJAN FAMILY
5 IS IN THE HOUSE TODAY. IF YOU WOULD GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
6 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] WE WELCOME TO THIS DAIS THE PRESIDENT OF
7 THE UNIVERSITY OF OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, C.L. MAX NIKIAS AND
8 HIS WIFE NIKI. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THEY ARE HERE. WE ASKED
9 THEM TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE REMARKABLE
10 ACHIEVEMENTS, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN HIS FIRST FIVE YEARS
11 AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
12 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING, IF YOU WILL. NEARLY \$700 MILLION UNDER
13 CONSTRUCTION CURRENTLY WITH RESPECT TO THE NEWEST AND LARGEST
14 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE HISTORY OF SOUTH L.A. PROVIDING
15 FOR 3,000 STUDENTS ALONG WITH RETAIL OPTIONS TO ENJOY. WE CALL
16 IT THE UNIVERSITY, THAT IS THE U.S.C. VILLAGE PROJECT. MANY OF
17 YOU HAVE SEEN IT AS YOU PASS ALONG HOOVER AND JEFFERSON. YOU
18 WILL KNOW THAT THIS WILL ATTRACT STUDENTS FROM ACROSS
19 SOCIOECONOMIC STRATA. DR. NIKIAS HAS MADE IT HIS BUSINESS TO
20 BOOST THE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE FOR STUDENTS TO SOME SOME \$300
21 MILLION PER YEAR, MAKING IT THE LARGEST OF ITS SORT AND ITS
22 KIND IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL AID ANYWHERE IN THE NATION. YOU
23 WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS CONSIDERED ONE
24 OF THE MORE SELECTIVE IN THE NATION WITH LESS THAN 18 PERCENT
25 WHO MAKE THE CUT AND 92 PERCENT GRADUATE. I SAID 92 PERCENT

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1 GRADUATE. [APPLAUSE.] THIS UNIVERSITY ENROLLS UNDER THE
2 LEADERSHIP OF DR. NIKIAS 1,000 SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS OR
3 MILITARY DEPENDENTS, BOASTING ONE OF THE LARGEST SUCH STUDENT
4 POPULATIONS ANYWHERE IN ANY PRIVATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN THE
5 NATION. WE'RE PROUD OF THAT. [APPLAUSE] UNDER THE LEADERSHIP
6 OF C.L. MAX NIKIAS, YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW THAT U.S.C. IS
7 LEADING THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A BIOMED TECHNOLOGY PARK NEXT
8 TO THE UNIVERSITY'S HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS EXPECTED TO CREATE
9 THOUSANDS OF JOBS THAT WILL SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT
10 CONTINUES TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY, LAUNCHING TWO NEW CHARTER
11 SCHOOLS SERVING FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE-GOING STUDENTS WITH
12 HOPES THAT ALL WILL GRADUATE AND ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR
13 UNIVERSITY. EVERY TIME YOU MENTION THE NAME OF C.L. MAX
14 NIKIAS, YOU HAVE REASON TO CELEBRATE THE VALUE THAT HE AND HIS
15 WIFE AND HIS FAMILY ARE BRINGING TO THE REGION AND WELL
16 BEYOND. IT IS SOME 20-PLUS YEARS NOW THAT THE PRESIDENT AND I
17 HAVE ENJOYED A RELATIONSHIP, BEGINNING WHEN HE WAS THE DEAN OF
18 THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AT U.S.C. A FABULOUS JOB HE DID
19 THERE. HE LEFT AND ENDED UP BEING THE PROVOST AND NOW THE
20 PRESIDENT. AND THEY TELL ME THAT THE WORK THAT HE'S DOING TO
21 DISTINGUISH THE UNIVERSITY WITH RESPECT TO THE FUNDRAISING
22 GOALS ARE WELL BEYOND WHAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ANY PRIVATE
23 UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION. AND HE'S 75 PERCENT THERE. SO
24 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO HELP HIM GET TO 85
25 PERCENT TODAY, COME ON. IT WILL GO INTO SCHOLARSHIPS. AND SO,

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1 WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY EARLY ON, DR. NIKIAS STEPPED
2 FORWARD WITH A LITTLE GROUP THAT SOME OF US KNOW AS THE
3 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. AND HE HELPED US DESIGN THE FIRST
4 ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD. THIS IS PRE... THIS IS 1992 HE
5 REMINDS ME.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** PRE-ELECTRICITY, I THINK.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT WOULD BE CORRECT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
10 THIS IS PRE-INTERNET. MAX NIKIAS WAS ON THEIR CASE THEN DOING
11 REALLY FABULOUS THINGS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I COULD GO ON
12 WITH THE WONDERFUL WAYS IN WHICH HE HAS DISTINGUISHED NOT ONLY
13 HIMSELF AS A SCHOLAR, AS A LEADER, AS A CARING INDIVIDUAL, BUT
14 HAS DISTINGUISHED THIS UNIVERSITY IN A TURN-AROUND WAY TO MAKE
15 IT AN UNDENIABLE ASSET HERE IN OUR REGION AND BEYOND. SO WITH
16 THAT, MAY I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO YOU, DR. NIKIAS, FOR ALL
17 THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
19 C.L. MAX NIKIAS. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE. OH I'M SORRY.

22

23 **DR. C.L. MAX NIKIAS:** WELL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND I
24 WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THIS SCROLL WHICH
25 CELEBRATES U.S.C.'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE COUNTY HAS BEEN

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1 U.S.C.'S PARTNER MANY YEARS, FROM THE U.S.C. VILLAGE TO THE
2 COLISEUM, AND WE HAVE ALSO SHARED AN IMPORTANT COMMITMENT TO
3 MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH. THE L.A. COUNTY HOSPITAL HAS TIES TO
4 THE U.S.C. MEDICAL SCHOOL SINCE 1885, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
5 OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNIVERSITY. AND OUR PAST SUCCESSES IN
6 HEALTH AND OTHER ENDEAVORS PROVIDE A FIRM FOUNDATION THAT WE
7 ADVANCE PLANS TO BUILD TOGETHER A BIOTECH PARK. THE GROWTH OF
8 THE BIOTECH WILL TRANSFORM L.A. COUNTY BY BRINGING A MAJOR
9 GROWTH INDUSTRY TO LOS ANGELES AND WILL ENHANCE LIFE THROUGH
10 INNOVATIONS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S GOING
11 TO CREATE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS AT ALL LEVELS IN
12 THE COUNTY AND ENABLE THE COUNTY TO RETAIN GRADUATES FROM OUR
13 LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. ON APRIL 27TH, MY UNIVERSITY
14 IS GOING TO ANNOUNCE A MAJOR, MAJOR INITIATIVE IN
15 HOMELESSNESS. AND WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY AND THE
16 CITY TO ADDRESS THIS CRITICAL ISSUE THAT WE ALL FACE. NO
17 UNIVERSITY CAN FLOURISH WITHOUT AN EXCEPTIONAL COUNTY, AND NO
18 COUNTY CAN FLOURISH WITHOUT AN EXCEPTIONAL UNIVERSITY THAT
19 CARES ABOUT ITS SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. SO, WE LOOK FORWARD
20 -- [APPLAUSE.] WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. AND FIGHT
21 ON, ALWAYS, FIGHT ON! [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, THERE SHE IS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR
2 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE LACEY. WE ARE PROCLAIMING THE WEEK
3 OF APRIL -- [AUDIENCE BOOS.] PLEASE, PLEASE. TOTALLY OUT OF
4 ORDER.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MAY WE PLEASE HAVE ORDER HERE. WE
7 HAVE SOME MAJOR PRESENTATIONS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WE ARE PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10TH THROUGH
10 THE 16TH AS CRIME VICTIMS' WEEK THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
11 TODAY THE BOARD IS ALSO GOING TO RECOGNIZE FIVE OUTSTANDING
12 ALLIES OF CRIME VICTIMS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS YEAR'S
13 THEME: "SERVE VICTIMS, BUILD TRUST, AND RESTORE HOPE." SO I
14 WANT TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO JACKIE AND I'M GOING TO HAVE HER
15 SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN WE WILL DO SOME INDIVIDUAL
16 PRESENTATIONS.

17

18 **JACKIE LACEY:** GOOD MORNING. THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CRIME
19 VICTIMS' WEEK THEME IS SERVING VICTIMS, BUILDING TRUST AND
20 RESTORING HOPE. IT UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING
21 TRUST WITH VICTIMS SO THEY MAY HAVE HOPE TO RESTORE THEIR
22 LIVES. VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
23 FOR OUR BUREAU OF VICTIM SERVICES TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK
24 INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES. THESE INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES SERVE
25 VICTIMS IN THE QUEST FOR JUSTICE. THEY BUILD TRUST BETWEEN THE

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1 DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND SERVE
2 VICTIMS. THEY RESTORE HOPE. DURING VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK WE
3 REMEMBER THE RESILIENCE AND VALOR OF MILLIONS OF CRIME VICTIMS
4 EVERYWHERE AND WE HONOR THE DEDICATION OF THEIR ALLIES WHO ARE
5 HERE TODAY WHO WORK SO DILIGENTLY ON THEIR BEHALF. BY ITS
6 PROCLAMATION, THE BOARD REAFFIRMS TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY A COMMITMENT TO STAND WITH VICTIMS. FOR OVER 39
8 YEARS, THE L.A. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM- WITNESS ASSISTANCE
9 PROGRAM, RECENTLY RENAMED THE BUREAU OF VICTIM SERVICES, HAS
10 PROVIDED ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION TO HELP VICTIMS
11 BECOME THRIVERS. SO, THE BUREAU OF VICTIM SERVICES, WOULD YOU
12 ALL PLEASE STAND IN THE AUDIENCE SO THAT WE MAY ALL RECOGNIZE
13 YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK? [APPLAUSE.] TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE
14 COMMENDING COMMANDER PHILLIP TINGIRIDES, DEPUTY DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY JANE CREIGHTON, JUSTICE DEPUTY ANNA MOURADIAN, AND
16 THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ASIAN AND FAMILY SERVICES AS WELL AS
17 THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THE
18 CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM. AT THIS TIME, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, YOU JUST MADE ALL THE
22 INTRODUCTIONS. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
23 MAKE SURE I GET THIS RIGHT, COMMANDER TINGIRIDES,
24 CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, MY FRIEND. JACKIE?
25 [APPLAUSE] NEXT IS JANE CREIGHTON, WHO COORDINATES THE

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1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT. [APPLAUSE.] WELL,
2 THIS YOUNG LADY I SEE EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND. FROM THE FIFTH
3 DISTRICT, ANNA MOURADIAN. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, THE EXECUTIVE
4 DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC-ASIAN FAMILY, DEBRA SUH.
5 [APPLAUSE] NEXT, THEY WERE JUST UP EARLIER HERE EARLIER WITH
6 THOSE BEAUTIFUL POSTERS FROM THE KIDS. WE'RE HONORING I.C.A.N.
7 DEANNE TILTON. [APPLAUSE] AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK OUR
8 COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR, SKYE PATRICK, TO JOIN US AGAIN UP
9 HERE AND HER TEAM, AND LISA COFFI AND HER TEAM AT SHAKESPEARE
10 BY THE SEA. 2016 IS BEING CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD -- BEING
11 CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLDS AS A YEAR OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
12 HONORING WHAT IS THOUGHT TO BE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS
13 PASSING ON APRIL 23RD. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'RE ALSO
14 HONORING THE WORK OF SHAKESPEARE, PERHAPS THE GREATEST WRITER
15 IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, WITH EVENTS TO INTRODUCE MOST
16 IMPORTANTLY YOUNG PEOPLE TO HIS WORKS. AT EIGHT OF OUR
17 LIBRARIES, WE WILL BE PRESENTING LADY ELIZABETH SHAKESPEARE, A
18 PERFORMANCE DESIGNED FOR SCHOOL-AGE AUDIENCE AT MORE THAN 22
19 OF OUR LIBRARIES. OUR LIBRARIANS WILL INTRODUCE OUR YOUNG
20 PATRONS TO SOME OF SHAKESPEARE'S MORE FAMOUS PLAYS AND POEMS
21 VIA SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM IN A BOX. THESE EVENTS WILL OCCUR
22 ACROSS ALL FIVE OF OUR DISTRICTS. I'M ALSO PLEASED THAT OUR
23 COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE JOINING WITH US IN THIS CELEBRATION.
24 SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA, WHICH IS BASED IN SAN PEDRO BUT
25 PERFORMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, HAS BEEN BRINGING

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1 PROFESSIONALLY PRODUCED CLASSICAL WORKS TO UNDERSERVED,
2 CULTURALLY DIVERSE AUDIENCES SINCE 1998. THEIR SHOWS ARE FREE
3 AND OCCUR IN DOZENS OF COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY. LAST SEASON, OVER 22,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED ITS
5 PRODUCTIONS. THIS MILESTONE CELEBRATION GIVES US AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT THAT ART, THEATER AND
7 MUSIC AND BOOKS HAVE ON PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. I AM THRILLED THAT
8 THE COUNTY AND OUR PARTNERS ARE USING THIS ANNIVERSARY TO
9 PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE,
10 WHO MIGHT NOT NORMALLY HAVE ACCESS TO SHAKESPEARE. SO ON
11 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD AND ALL THE
12 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO
13 OUR COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR SKYE PATRICK, SHAKESPEARE BY THE
14 SEA PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR LISA COFFI, AND THANK THEM
15 ALL, THIS ENTIRE TEAM, FOR THEIR WONDERFUL WORK AND WHAT THEY
16 ARE GOING TO BE DOING IN THE UPCOMING SEASON. LET'S GIVE THEM
17 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SKYE PATRICK:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND AGAIN, WHAT AN
20 EXCITING -- YET ANOTHER RECOGNITION FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
21 MANY PEOPLE GET INTIMIDATED WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORD
22 SHAKESPEARE. HIS POEMS AND PLAYS ARE SOME OF THE MOST
23 RECOGNIZED IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. OUR GOAL IS TO DEMYSTIFY
24 THE BARD. NOW THROUGH MAY 27TH, WE ARE OFFERING SHAKESPEARE
25 PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH AT EIGHT OF OUR LOCATIONS. AS THE

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1 SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, WE WILL BE PRESENTING LADY ELIZABETH
2 SHAKESPEARE. IT'S A SPECIAL SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE DESIGNED
3 FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN. AT 28 OTHER ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS,
4 WE'LL BE PRESENTING SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM IN A BOX. EACH CHILD
5 WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DESIGN THEIR OWN NOTEBOOK USING
6 THEIR FAVORITE SHAKESPEARE QUOTE, AND THEY WILL HAVE AN
7 OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AND KEEP THEIR QUILL. SO, WE THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR, FOR ENCOURAGING US TO HONOR SHAKESPEARE AT THE
9 PUBLIC LIBRARY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **LISA COFFI:** AND ON BEHALF OF SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA,
12 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE HAS BEEN SUPPORTING US FOR SEVERAL,
13 SEVERAL YEARS. AND WITHOUT THE FUNDING, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE
14 TO BRING ADMISSION-FREE SHAKESPEARE TO SO MANY LOCATIONS. AND
15 THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING 10 WEEKS THROUGHOUT THE
16 SUMMER. ALL OF THE SHOWS ARE ADMISSION-FREE. AGAIN, SUPERVISOR
17 KNABE'S SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL IN US PERFORMING IN WHITTIER AS
18 WELL AS IN SCHABARUM PARK. YES. SO, WE GET TO GO TO TWO
19 LOCATIONS THANKS TO YOU. SO, GUYS, COME OUT AND SEE US THIS
20 SUMMER. WE'RE PLAYING THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE ALL THE WAY
21 THROUGH AUGUST, AND THEY ARE ALL ADMISSION-FREE. WE ARE DOING
22 CYMBELINE, WHICH MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH, AND
23 OTHELLO. THEY ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY, AND THEY ARE FREE. ALL
24 RIGHT, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE BACK INTO SESSION. WE ARE GOING
2 TO HEAR A RECORDING FOR THE PUBLIC.

3

4 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
5 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
7 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
8 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
10 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
11 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
12 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
13 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
14 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
15 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
16 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
17 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
18 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
19 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
20 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
21 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
22 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
23 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER
24 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE
25 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY

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1 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
2 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
3 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
4 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
5 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
6 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
7 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM THE EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICE.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE YOU CALL THE
14 SPEAKERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER ITEM 51-C AND 51-D?

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. MEMBERS, WE'RE NOW
17 GOING TO GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. I'M SORRY, ITEMS THAT HAVE
18 BEEN HELD BY THE PUBLIC. SO THE FIRST SPEAKERS THAT I HAVE I'D
19 LIKE TO CALL FORWARD FOR ITEM 51-D, DAVID GREEN, VERONICA LUNA
20 AND PAULA GAMBOA. [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D JUST LIKE TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE
23 THAT INSTEAD OF CLAPPING, RAISE THE ROOF. OKAY? WILL YOU
24 PLEASE HELP US? THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **DAVID GREEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID GREEN, AND I'M A
2 VERY PROUD L.A. COUNTY CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER. IN 2013, THE
3 SOCIAL WORKERS OF L.A. COUNTY WENT ON STRIKE FOR CHILD SAFETY
4 AND TO TRY TO FIX A BROKEN SYSTEM. WITH YOUR HELP, WE'VE BEEN
5 ABLE TO HIRE ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND ASSIST WITH THE
6 CHILDREN THAT WE WORK WITH. WE'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS.
7 CASELOADS STILL REMAIN DANGEROUSLY HIGH. OUR PALMDALE OFFICE,
8 FOR EXAMPLE, STILL HAS ONE OF OUR HIGHEST CASELOADS IN ALL OF
9 OUR D.C.F.S. OFFICES. THIS PAST WEEK, THE ACTIONS OF THE
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE SET US BACK AND MADE CHILDREN
11 LESS SAFE. THE ACTIONS BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL
12 NOW MAKE IT HARDER TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT SOCIAL WORKERS. IT'LL
13 INCREASE CASELOADS. AND THE BY-PRODUCT OF THAT IS THE FAMILIES
14 AND CHILDREN WE WORK WITH WILL BE LESS SAFE. THERE MUST BE
15 ACCOUNTABILITY AT D.C.F.S. AND WITH ITS LEADERSHIP. THE TIME
16 FOR SCAPEGOATING INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL WORKERS NEEDS TO BE OVER,
17 AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF SOCIAL WORK NEEDS TO STOP. WE'RE
18 HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE UP. WE'RE GOING TO
19 KEEP FIGHTING FOR CHILDREN'S SAFETY, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE
20 NEED TO HOLD OUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE, AND WE NEED YOU TO STAND
21 WITH US TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKERS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

24

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1 **PAULA GAMBOA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS PAULA GAMBOA.
2 I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
3 FOR APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS IN THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM.
4 I'M ONE OF YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS. I'M A SUPERVISING CHILDREN
5 SOCIAL WORKER, SO I HAVE THE UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING
6 TO SUPERVISE HUNDREDS OF CASELOADS AND HUNDREDS OF SOCIAL
7 WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE 20-SOME YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN A
8 SUPERVISOR. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TO YOU AND LET
9 YOU KNOW THAT WE CONTINUE TO VOW AND ADHERE TO OUR
10 RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING CHILDREN ALL OVER LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. GABRIEL F.'S DEATH WAS TRAGIC, AND WE'RE HERE TO DENY
12 AND DECRY ANY TYPE OF CHILD ABUSE THAT GOES ON IN OUR
13 COMMUNITIES. THE D.A.'S APPROACH SHOWED HOW IGNORANT AND
14 UNKNOWLEDGEABLE THEY WERE REGARDING THE CHILD SAFETY CRISIS
15 THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS WITHIN D.C.F.S. IT'S BEEN CAUSED BY THE
16 CASELOADS THAT ARE STILL TOO HIGH DESPITE THE HIRING OF MANY
17 SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE STILL BEING TRAINED AND LEARNING TO DO
18 THEIR JOB. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THESE ACTIONS WILL EXACERBATE THE
19 CURRENT CHILD SAFETY CRISIS BY TAKING US BACK IN TIME TO A
20 CULTURE OF FEAR. AND SOME OF YOU THAT ARE HERE TODAY BEHIND
21 YOUR DESKS KNOW WHAT I'M SPEAKING TO. IT WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE
22 IMPACT ON THE RECRUITMENT OF NEW SOCIAL WORKERS. IT WILL
23 FURTHER HURT RETENTION OF SOCIAL WORK STAFF. IT WILL RESULT IN
24 HIGH LEVELS OF UNNEEDED REMOVAL OF CHILDREN FROM THEIR HOMES
25 AND EVEN SLOW DOWN CHILDREN FROM REUNIFYING WITH THEIR

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1 PARENTS, THUS MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO SEND
2 CHILDREN HOME. AS A SUPERVISOR WHO'S CHARGED WITH MENTORING
3 AND SUPPORTING THE SOCIAL WORKER, IT WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY
4 DIFFICULT TO REASSURE OUR STAFF TO CONTINUE TO DO A JOB WITH
5 THE SAME CONFIDENCE AND PROFESSIONAL RESILIENCE THAT THEY HAD
6 ACHIEVED. WE WILL LOSE ANY CREDIBILITY WE HAD IN THE COMMUNITY
7 AT LARGE. ANY AUTHORITY THAT WE HAVE MAY DIMINISH, THUS MAKING
8 OUR JOBS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
9 THAT WE ARE HERE TO DEMAND DRASTIC AND IMMEDIATE ACTION AND
10 REFORM IN ADDRESSING THE CHILD SAFETY CRISIS THAT STILL EXISTS
11 TODAY, 20 YEARS LATER, AFTER I WAS MADE A SOCIAL WORKER. THE
12 ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS NOT THE INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL WORKER, BUT
13 RATHER A BROKEN AND OVERBURDENED SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM IN
14 WHICH WE WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. VERONICA?

17

18 **VERONICA LUNA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS VERONICA LUNA. I'M
19 WITH THE PASADENA OFFICE. I'M AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKER,
20 BEEN WORKING AS AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKER FOR SEVEN YEARS.
21 I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY FOR 10 YEARS. THE REASON WE'RE HERE
22 TODAY, MY FELLOW SOCIAL WORKERS, IS TO... SORRY. THE REASON
23 WE'RE HERE TODAY IS TO DISCUSS -- I'M ACTUALLY HERE TODAY TO
24 LET YOU GUYS ALL KNOW THAT SOCIAL WORKERS CANNOT BE
25 SCAPEGOATED. WE ARE HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

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1 WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN. WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE
2 WORKING IN ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS. RIGHT NOW, WHAT WE HAVE IS
3 LACK OF SUPPORT FROM OUR MANAGEMENT AND STAFF, MORE
4 IMPORTANTLY, LACK OF SUPPORT FROM PHILIP BROWNING, OUR
5 DIRECTOR, WHO HAS DEMORALIZED OUR PROFESSION AND HAS PUT US
6 ALL IN FEAR OF GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. AND JUST LIKE MY
7 FELLOW COWORKERS SAID, THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE FEAR-BASED NOW,
8 WHICH IS GOING TO CAUSE MORE STRESS ON OUR DEPARTMENT, MORE
9 STRESS ON FAMILIES THAT WE NEED TO BE SERVING. THAT'S WHAT
10 WE'RE HERE FOR. WE'RE HERE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR
11 CHILDREN. WE ARE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE HERE FOR
12 CHILD SAFETY. NOT ONE SOCIAL WORKER IS OUT TO HARM A CHILD.
13 AND BY CRIMINALIZING SOCIAL WORK, THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT THE
14 COMMUNITY IS BELIEVING IN US, THAT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR.
15 BUT WE'RE HERE FOR OUR CHILDREN. JUST LIKE WE'VE SAID BEFORE,
16 WHAT WE'VE COME HERE BEFORE THREE YEARS AGO WAS OUR LARGE
17 CASELOADS. WE HAVE LACK OF SUPPORT STAFF. RECENTLY OUR C.W.C.
18 WAS CLOSED. WE HAVE NO PLACEMENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN. THIS IS
19 WHAT WE DEAL WITH EVERY DAY, EVERY DAY. WE HAD TWO WORKERS IN
20 MY OFFICE AT A POLICE STATION IN THE LUNCHROOM AREA SEARCHING
21 FOR A FOSTER HOME FOR TWO CHILDREN. WE HAVE NO SUPPORT, NOT
22 ONE SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY FROM OUR DIRECTOR, LIKE I'M SAYING.
23 OUR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE FACT THAT
24 THEY DID CRIMINALIZE OUR PROFESSION. AND WE CAN NO LONGER BE
25 SCAPEGOATED. WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN. WE'RE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL

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1 WORKERS. WE WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
2 SERVICES. THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE -- THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRAINED
3 FOR. AND I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE WORKING
4 HARD. WE ALL WORK HARD. OUR PALMDALE OFFICE IS OVERSTRESSED.
5 WE'RE ALL OVERSTRESSED. AND WE NEED SUPPORT. AND WE NEED
6 SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. BETTER TO RAISE THE
11 ROOF, FOLKS. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR COMING IN. WE APPRECIATE
12 YOUR ABILITY TO HAVE YOUR THREE DISTINCT INDIVIDUALS COME AND
13 REPRESENT ALL OF YOU. I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE A BUSY SCHEDULE.
14 WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON, MEMBERS, NOW. WE HAVE OTHER ITEMS THAT
15 HAVE BEEN HELD. WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL FROM LANCASTER, DIANA
16 BEARD-WILLIAMS, WHO HAS HELD ITEMS 24, C.S.-3, C.S.-5, C.S.-6,
17 51-D.

18

19 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I BELIEVE I PUT IT ON THE FORM, DR.
20 DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS, AND THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE
21 THAT'S AN ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE. AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE,
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GROUP ALL THOSE
23 ITEMS TOGETHER AND FOR ME TO ADDRESS ALL OF THEM, AND SO I'M
24 GOING TO PICK OUT SIMPLY ONE TO ADDRESS. THE OTHER ONES ARE
25 EXTREMELY CRITICAL, BUT THE ONE THAT IS THE MOST CRITICAL TO

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1 ME IS THE COMMENT THAT WAS JUST MADE BY THE SOCIAL WORKER. AND
2 I DON'T EXPECT ANYBODY TO "RAISE THE ROOF" OR APPLAUD WHAT I
3 HAVE TO SAY, BUT I AM GLAD THAT THOSE SOCIAL WORKERS WERE
4 INDICTED. I AM GLAD THAT WE ARE GOING TO LOOK DEEPER INTO THIS
5 SITUATION. [BOOS FROM THE AUDIENCE.] MY SON WAS ADOPTED. BOO
6 ME ALL YOU WANT. THIS IS LIFE. MY SON WAS ADOPTED 27 YEARS AGO
7 FROM D.C.F.S., AND I WAS LIED TO. HE IS NOW TODAY SUFFERING
8 THE RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT KNOWING ABOUT THE SYPHILIS AND THE
9 GONORRHEA THAT HE WAS IN A REGIONAL CENTER WHICH HE SHOULD
10 HAVE REMAINED IN, HE WAS PULLED OUT OF. MANY THINGS WERE NOT
11 TOLD ME THAT HAVE SURFACED LATER IN LIFE. AND I AM NOW GETTING
12 THE RECORDS, AND I AM JUST OVERWHELMED, BECAUSE HE IS A
13 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM. YOU CAN BLAME IT ON YOUR DIRECTOR
14 ALL YOU WANT. PERSONALLY, I AM NOT FOND OF HIM. I THINK HE
15 INSULATES HIMSELF. HE HAS SET UP A PROCEDURE BY WHICH HE CAN'T
16 BE TOUCHED OR EVEN DIRECTLY CONTACTED. HE HIDES UNDER A ROCK.
17 SO I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FRUSTRATION THERE. BUT THE REALITY IS
18 IS THAT I HAVE HAD A SOCIAL WORKER THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH
19 FOR SOMETIME WITH THE JENKINS FAMILY NAMED SUSAN TRIP MUNSON,
20 AND WE ON FRIDAY ASKED FINALLY FOR HER TO BE REMOVED. SHE HAS
21 BEEN A BARRIER. WE EVEN HAD TO GET A COURT ORDER TO FORCE HER
22 TO GIVE MR. JENKINS, THE BIOLOGICAL GRANDFATHER AND WHO IS
23 SUPPOSED TO GET CUSTODY OF THE NEWBORN, MEDICAL RECORDS,
24 BECAUSE SHE HID THAT THE CHILD HAD A HOLE IN ITS HEART. SHE
25 HID THAT WE JUST LEARNED FROM A TERRIFIED CAREGIVER THE OTHER

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1 DAY, SHE HAS A BRAIN BLEED. SHE HID THAT THE CHILD HAD BEEN
2 TRANSPORTED DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE IN L.A. SHE HID
3 IT FROM THE JUDGE AND SHE ALSO HID IT FROM THE COURT AND ALL
4 OF THE ATTORNEYS. SHE TREATS US AS IF WE ARE SCUM. I HAVE SAT
5 IN YOUR OFFICE IN LANCASTER AND I HAVE SAT BACK. I'M A
6 DOCTORATE, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT. I LISTEN. I WRITE BOOKS. I'VE
7 HEARD THE WAY SOME OF YOUR SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE BURNT OUT,
8 MAY BE OVERWORKED. I AGREE YOU MAY HAVE A LARGE CASELOAD. BUT
9 THAT GIVES YOU NO RIGHT TO TALK TO THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS
10 IN THIS COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN THERE FOR SERVICES AND TO SEE
11 THEIR CHILDREN AS IF THEY ARE, AND FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD,
12 LET'S JUST CALL IT WHAT IT IS, SCUM AND GUM ON THE BOTTOM OF
13 YOUR SHOE. SHE'S TALKED TO ME IN AN OFFENSIVE WAY TO THE POINT
14 THAT WE ASKED BARBARA DALLAS FINALLY ON FRIDAY TO REMOVE HER.
15 SHE'S NEW. SHE'S UNTRAINED. TO SIMPLY BRING IN SOCIAL WORKERS
16 TO PLUG UP THE HOLES OF WHAT YOU NEED AS EXTRA HELP IS NOT THE
17 ANSWER, EITHER. YOU NEED QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER SPEAKER FROM
20 LANCASTER, MICHAEL JENKINS, WHO'S HELD ITEMS 24 AND 51-D.

21

22 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS EVANGELIST
23 MIKE JENKINS, AND I'M SPEAKING BECAUSE, LIKE DR. WILLIAMS
24 SAYS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED. MIKE
25 ANTONOVICH, THIS IS YOUR DISTRICT, OKAY? MY GRANDDAUGHTER,

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1 LIKE SHE SAID, SUFFERED FROM BRAIN BLEED. SHE SUFFERS. SHE HAD
2 TO BE AIR LIFTED, MIKE ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF YOUR STAFF,
3 FROM A.V. HOSPITAL TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. I STILL DON'T HAVE
4 RECORDS OF EVERYTHING. SUSAN TRIP MUNSON, CHILD SERVICES, HID
5 THINGS FROM ME. THEY STILL CONTINUE TO HIDE THINGS FROM ME.
6 I'M TRYING TO GET CUSTODY, LIKE DR. WILLIAMS SAID, OF MY
7 GRANDDAUGHTER. MY GRANDSON WANTS HIS SISTER. I'VE BEEN
8 FIGHTING FOR OVER SIX MONTHS. I CAN ONLY SEE HER FOR ABOUT AN
9 HOUR EVERY WEEK. THIS IS NOT RIGHT. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE
10 DONE. THE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE DONE. MIKE ANTONOVICH, THIS IS
11 YOUR DISTRICT. I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT YOU, MIKE ANTONOVICH. THIS
12 IS YOUR DISTRICT. DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. REPAIR THE SYSTEM.
13 THAT'S WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I DON'T CARE WHAT THOSE PEOPLE
14 ARE SAYING DOWN THERE, THOSE SOCIAL WORKERS AND STUFF. THEY
15 GET THEIR BIG, FAT PAYCHECKS. SUSAN TRIP MUNSON GOT HER BIG,
16 FAT PAYCHECK. ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE GET THEIR BIG, FAT
17 PAYCHECKS, BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP US, THE VICTIMS. I'M A
18 VICTIM. I DID NOTHING. I'M TRYING TO GET CUSTODY OF MY
19 GRANDDAUGHTER, STUFF THAT'S MEDICALLY WRONG. PEOPLE ARE NOT
20 TELLING ME TO THIS DAY. PEOPLE ARE NOT TELLING ME. SHE'S BEEN
21 APPOINTED A REGIONAL CENTER CLIENT, MIKE ANTONOVICH. WHAT IS
22 THAT ABOUT? IF SHE'S NOT REALLY SICK, WHY WOULD REGIONAL
23 CENTER TAKE HER AS A CLIENT? TALK TO MRS. MANE AT THE REGIONAL
24 CENTER. TALK TO EDIE BRYANT AT REGIONAL CENTER. TALK TO SONYA
25 AT REGIONAL CENTER. TALK TO THESE PEOPLE, MIKE ANTONOVICH.

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1 LET'S GET SOMETHING DONE. GIVE ME MY GRANDDAUGHTER. GIVE MY
2 GRANDSON HIS SISTER. LET'S GET HER OUT OF THE SYSTEM. THAT'S
3 WHAT'S WRONG. TOO MANY KIDS ARE IN THE SYSTEM. LET'S GET THEM
4 OUT OF THE SYSTEM. GET THEM WITH THEIR RIGHTFUL FAMILY, MIKE
5 ANTONOVICH. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD. ALL THESE OTHER
6 SUPERVISORS WOULD. ALL YOU'RE DOING IS WAITING TO TIME OUT,
7 MIKE. WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING. THIS IS A PLANTATION HERE. I
8 CAN'T WAIT FOR MY KIDS TO GET THEM SO I CAN GET THEM OUT OF
9 THIS PLANTATION. YOUR COURTHOUSE IS A SLAVE THING. WHERE ARE
10 THE BLACK JUDGES AT, MIKE ANTONOVICH? THERE'S NOT ONE BLACK
11 JUDGE THERE. THERE'S VERY FEW BLACK SHERIFFS THERE, MIKE
12 ANTONOVICH. I COULD GO ON AND ON AND ON ABOUT YOUR SERVICES
13 HERE. THEY SUCK. COME ON, MIKE ANTONOVICH. DO SOMETHING.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. OUR NEXT
16 SPEAKER, GENEVIEVE -- DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. SHE'S HELD ITEMS
17 20, 22, 24, 25, 51-B. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP SEAN FLEMING,
18 JR. WHO'S HELD ITEM 51-B. GOOD MORNING.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
21 I HELD A FEW ITEMS AFTER, BUT ONE THING IS AMAZING. AS USUAL,
22 MANY OF THE REPORTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE. AND THIS HAS TO STOP.
23 YOU KNOW, YOU CANNOT HAVE MULTIPLE ITEMS WITH NO REPORT
24 AVAILABLE UNTIL THE DAY WE COME TO THE MEETING. THIS IS
25 UNACCEPTABLE. [SIREN.] AND IT VIOLATES A LOT OF THE LAWS. BUT

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1 YOU DON'T CARE. ON ITEM 21, AGAIN, IT WAS CONTINUED AT THE
2 LAST MINUTE. YOU CANNOT DO THAT. WHEN AN ITEM IS AGENDA, THE
3 PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT AND THE PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO
4 IT. BUT EVERY WEEK YOU DECIDE AT THE LAST MINUTE TO CONTINUE
5 ITEMS. AND THAT HAS TO STOP. I MEAN, IT'S JUST -- AND OF
6 COURSE THE ITEM YOU CONTINUE IS ONE HAVING TO DO WITH, AGAIN,
7 A HANSON FORMATION FOR OVER \$30 MILLION. WE'RE NOT TALKING
8 ABOUT PEANUTS, BUT MAYBE FOR YOU IT IS PEANUTS WHEN YOU HAVE A
9 BUDGET OF 28 BILLION. I THINK, YOU KNOW, ON AN OLDER ITEM I
10 HAVE HELD, ALL HAVE TO DO WITH HEALTHCARE. AND I THINK WE NEED
11 TO STOP TO HAVE SO MANY ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME AND TO HAVE
12 THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK TO IT. IT'S TOTALLY NOT EFFECTIVE FOR
13 ANYBODY, AND I HAVE ASKED FOR OVER TWO MONTHS NOW FROM MR.
14 FRED LEAF TO GET COPY OF ALL THE INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE HELD BY
15 THE COUNTY IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. I WANT AND I NEED EVERY PUBLIC
16 HEALTHCARE IN ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHAT THEY ARE LICENSED FOR, HOW
17 MANY PEOPLE REALLY STAFF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, BECAUSE PEOPLE
18 ARE STILL NOT GETTING THE CARE. AND I WANT TO KNOW. AND I HAVE
19 ASKED FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS NOW TO MR. FRED LEAF. AND MR.
20 FRED LEAF IS ONE OF THOSE WONDERFUL INDIVIDUALS WHO IS
21 RETIRED, CAME BACK TO WORK FOR FULL PAY. SO I THINK THE LEAST
22 HE CAN DO IS TO DO THAT. AND EVERY WEEK I AM TOLD WE WILL SEND
23 IT. I STILL DON'T HAVE IT. AND YOU KNOW ABOUT ME. I AM
24 RELENTLESS. I WILL COME BACK EVERY TIME UNTIL I HAVE IT. SO,
25 MR. FRED LEAF, YOU ARE IN THE BIG DOGHOUSE RIGHT NOW.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. FLEMING?

3

4 **SEAN FLEMING, JR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SEAN FLEMING, JR. AND I'M HERE TO
6 PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS OF
7 THE 43RD DISTRICT. THE CONGRESSWOMAN IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
8 AND APOLOGIZES FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THIS
9 MOTION IN PERSON. SHE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONY. "THANK
10 YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO
11 PROTECT THE SENIORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE KEIRO SENIOR
12 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND FOR ADDRESSING A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE
13 IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT PUTS UP TO 600 LOW-INCOME SENIORS AT
14 RISK OF LOSING THEIR HOMES AND CULTURALLY SENSITIVE
15 SPECIALIZED CARE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO GIVE A THANK YOU TO
16 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR OFFICE AND
17 MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO BRING FORWARD
18 THIS MOTION HERE TODAY. SAVE KEIRO, NOW KNOWN AS KOREISHA
19 SENIOR ADVOCACY, THAT KEIRO WAS BEING SOLD TO PACIFICA
20 COMPANIES, A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT FIRM WITH NO BACKGROUND
21 IN HEALTHCARE OR EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING THE CULTURAL-SENSITIVE
22 CARE KEIRO HAD OFFERED FOR DECADES. LAST NOVEMBER, I ATTENDED
23 A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU AT THE ARATANI
24 THEATER IN LITTLE TOKYO WITH OVER 500 OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE,
25 ALL OF WHOM SHARED A DEEP CONCERN OF THE PLIGHT OF THE

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1 RESIDENTS AND THEIR FUTURES. IT HAD BECOME VERY CLEAR THAT
2 MANY OF THE RESIDENTS, SOME 80 TO 85 YEARS OLD, HAD INVESTED
3 ALL OF THEIR ASSETS INTO KEIRO UNDER THE PROMISE THEY WOULD
4 SPEND THE REST OF THEIR LIVES BEING CARED FOR AT THE
5 FACILITIES. ADDITIONALLY, MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAD DONATED
6 AND SUPPORTED KEIRO, KNOWING THAT THE FACILITY COULD THRIVE
7 FOR DECADES TO COME, ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT THE IMPENDING SALE
8 ACCOMPANIED NO LONG-TERM PROTECTIONS OR ALTERNATIVES FOR
9 ELDERS. THOUGH TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN NON-PROFITS AND FOR-
10 PROFITS REQUIRE EXTRA SCRUTINY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
11 WAIVED A PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVED THE SALE UNDER THE
12 PREMISE THAT KEIRO MANAGEMENT WOULD HOLD HEARINGS AND PROPERLY
13 NOTIFY RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS INSISTED THAT THEY HAD NOT
14 RECEIVED PROPER NOTIFICATIONS, AND THERE IS NO DOCUMENTATION
15 THAT KEIRO DID IN FACT HOLD A TRANSPARENT AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC
16 HEARING. TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS, CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU
17 AND I CONTACTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MET WITH HER STAFF, AND
18 URGED THE OFFICE TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION THAT HAD BEEN
19 SUBMITTED FOR THE SALE. WE WERE SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH
20 THE CONDITIONS IN PLACE THAT DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESS
21 CONTINUED CULTURAL-SENSITIVE CARE AND ONLY OFFERED ONE YEAR OF
22 RENT CONTROL AND NO PROTECTIONS FOR THE SENIORS, MANY OF WHOM
23 HAD NO FAMILY, NO INCOME, AND PLANNED TO SPEND AT LEAST 10 TO
24 30 YEARS IN KEIRO. THOUGH THE A.G.'S OFFICE INDICATED THAT IT
25 WAS TOO LATE TO REVERSE THE SALE AND DID NOT HAVE THE LEGAL

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1 AUTHORITY TO DO SO, CONGRESSWOMAN CHU AND I CONTINUED TO HOLD
2 MEETINGS BETWEEN KOREISHA SENIOR ADVOCACY AND SENIOR STAFF
3 FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND HOSTED A PRESS
4 CONFERENCE TO SHED LIGHT AND GIVE KEIRO SENIORS THE VOICE THEY
5 DESERVE. I ALSO RECRUITED SUPPORT FROM REKNOWNED LEGAL FIRMS
6 LIKE BET TZEDEK AND GIBSON DUNN AND ENCOURAGED A FORMAL
7 DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARTIES OF THE SALE AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO
8 FINALLY REPRESENT KEIRO'S SENIORS. CONGRESSWOMAN CHU LED A
9 LETTER TO THE A.G. WITH 15 OF MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS
10 EXPRESSING SUPPORT IN PRESERVING KEIRO, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO
11 SUBMIT TO THE RECORD. WE ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM MANY OTHER
12 OFFICES, INCLUDING GARDENA CITY COUNCILMAN DAN MEDINA, WHICH
13 PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FACILITIES AND SENIORS
14 UNDER ITS CARE. WHEN THE SALE REACHED ITS INEVITABLE CLOSE OF
15 ESCROW, DETERMINED COMMUNITY MEMBERS ORGANIZED AND GARNERED
16 INCREASED SUPPORT FROM REGIONAL OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE WAYS WE
17 CAN PROTECT THE FACILITY'S MOST VULNERABLE SENIORS AND
18 EMPLOYEES. TODAY MANY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE PACIFICA MANAGEMENT
19 CAN NO LONGER AFFORD HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.."

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

22

23 **SEAN FLEMING, JR.:** "...AND ARE UNDERWAY --" THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO TURN IN BY
2 WAY OF LETTERS, THAT'S FINE. YOU CAN DO THAT. THANK YOU. OKAY.
3 WE HAVE ITEMS HELD BY RAY HAMAGUCHI, 51-B. JOSEPH LEGASPI, 51-
4 C. AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH HELD ITEMS 4 AND 51-D. GO AHEAD, SIR.

5

6 **RAY HAMAGUCHI:** YES, MY NAME IS RAY HAMAGUCHI, AND I'M WITH THE
7 KOREISHA HEALTHCARE AND ADVOCACY. I'M SPEAKING TOWARDS THE
8 PART OF THE MOTION ABOUT INVESTIGATING CLAIMS OF WRONGDOING
9 THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE TRANSACTION. REAL QUICKLY, WE HAD
10 17,000 PETITIONERS THAT REQUESTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO HAVE
11 A PUBLIC HEARING SO THE PUBLIC COULD BE HEARD. DOCUMENTS
12 SUBMITTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN PREVIOUS FAILED
13 TRANSACTION WERE RESUBMITTED IN SUBSEQUENT TRANSACTIONS 13
14 MONTHS LATER WITHOUT ANY REQUEST BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
15 UPDATE THE FINDINGS. THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE ASSETS WAS
16 FAR IN EXCESS OF THE SALES PRICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS
17 ENTRUSTED BY LAW TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC'S BEST
18 INTEREST IN APPROVING THE SALE INVOLVING THE NON-PROFIT.
19 FAILING TO MEET THE RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR
20 HAS A FAR-REACHING EFFECT NOT ONLY ON THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN
21 COMMUNITY BUT ALSO ANY COMMUNITY THAT RELIES UPON NON-PROFITS.
22 WHAT DID WE FIND? WE FOUND THAT KEIRO USED, WITH THE HELP OF
23 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A WAIVER PROCESS TO BYPASS THE NORMAL,
24 FULL INVESTIGATION THAT'S REQUIRED ON ANY SALE OF A NON-
25 PROFIT. IN THAT WAIVER PROCEDURE, IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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1 FEELS THAT ANY ITEM, ANY DECISIONAL ITEM REQUIRES A FURTHER
2 INVESTIGATION, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DENY THE WAIVER; BUT IN
3 THIS CASE, THEY APPROVED IT. WE QUESTIONED THAT APPROVAL.
4 BRIEFLY, ONE OF THE CRITICAL DOCUMENTS IN THEIR EVALUATION
5 PROCESS IS THE APPRAISAL WHICH WAS DONE IN OCTOBER OF 2013.
6 THE WAIVER REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
7 AROUND MAY OF 2015. THE SIGNIFICANTLY OUTDATED APPRAISAL WAS
8 AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DECISIONAL FACTOR BUT WAS NOT
9 QUESTIONED AT ALL BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. OUR C.P.A.'S REVIEW
10 OF FINANCIAL RECORDS SHOWED NO LOSSES BY KEIRO. BY THEIR OWN
11 ADMISSION, KEIRO ASSET BASE AFTER THE TRANSACTION EXCEEDS \$70
12 MILLION. THE PLAN FOR USE OF PROCEEDS WAS FINANCIALLY VAGUE.
13 IN ALL THESE CASES, THERE WAS NO QUESTIONS FROM THE ATTORNEY
14 GENERAL AS TO ANY EXPLANATIONS. A PART OF THE KEIRO PORTFOLIO
15 IS A 4.5-ACRE R4- ZONED LAND IN BOYLE HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING THE
16 DOWNTOWN AREA. IT IS VALUED UNDER \$9 MILLION IN THE APPRAISAL
17 BUT CAN EASILY GET CLOSER TO \$25 MILLION, BEING IT'S LOCATED
18 IN ONE OF THE FASTEST-GROWING GENTRIFICATION AREAS IN LOS
19 ANGELES. PACIFICA, AS MENTIONED BY SEAN, CORE BUSINESS IS
20 REAL-ESTATE INVESTMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT. IN THESE MATTERS,
21 AGAIN, THERE WAS NO QUESTIONS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
22 OFFICE. IN A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH THE HIGHER-MANAGEMENT
23 STAFF FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2015,
24 THE ABOVE ISSUES WERE BROUGHT FORTH, AND WE REQUESTED ANSWERS.
25 THE A.G. PROMISED US ANSWERS, BUT TO DATE, WE HAVE GOTTEN NO

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1 ANSWERS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT A PUBLIC HEARING, THE ATTORNEY
2 GENERAL SUPERVISOR CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE INTEREST
3 SHOWN BY THE COMMUNITY, WHEN IN FACT, THE A.G. IN CHARGE OF
4 THE WAIVER BY HIS OWN ADMISSION HAD STATED IN AN E-MAIL THAT
5 HE WAS RECEIVING SCORES OF INPUT..

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR.

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9 **RAY HAMAGUCHI:**..FROM RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
12 TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.

13

14 **RAY HAMAGUCHI:** THAT'S FINE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER,
17 PLEASE. JOSEPH LEGASPI?

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19 **JOSEPH LEGASPI:** MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GOOD
20 MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSEPH LEGASPI WITH CENTRAL BASIN
21 MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, A WHOLESALE WATER PROVIDER THAT
22 MEETS THE WATER SUPPLY NEEDS OF 1.7 MILLION RESIDENTS IN
23 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SPEAKING TO ITEM 51-C. I WOULD
24 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. THERE CLEARLY HAVE BEEN
25 CHALLENGES AT THE DISTRICT IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, THERE HAS

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1 BEEN PROGRESS IN TURNING THE DISTRICT AROUND. PART OF THAT
2 INCLUDES EMBRACING THE STATE AUDIT FOES FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
3 IMPROVE GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL STABILITY, OPERATIONS, AND WITH
4 THE COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING ALL OF THE REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY
5 THE STATE AUDITOR. AS OF OUR LAST BOARD MEETING, THE DISTRICT
6 HAS NOW ADOPTED 21 OF 32 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE STATE
7 AUDITOR. THAT IS TWO-THIRDS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE ARE
8 AHEAD OF ALL THE DEADLINES STIPULATED BY THE AUDIT REPORT.
9 ALTHOUGH THE DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE A FORMAL POSITION ON
10 EITHER SENATE BILL 953 OR ASSEMBLY BILL 1794, WE ARE COMMITTED
11 TO PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WORKING WITH SENATOR
12 RICARDO LARA AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER GARCIA. WE ALSO REMAIN
13 COMMITTED AND WORKING IN A SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP AND
14 TRANSPARENCY WITH THE COUNTY ON ANY ISSUES OR CONCERNS THAT
15 YOU MAY HAVE. THE DISTRICT HAS A 60-PLUS YEAR LEGACY THAT WAS
16 VOTED INTO BY THE EXISTENCE OF BY THE PEOPLE, AND WE REMAIN
17 COMMITTED TO SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE
18 REMAIN FOCUSED ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST. ULTIMATELY WE VIEW THE
19 STATE AUDIT AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AS AN OPPORTUNITY
20 NOT ONLY TO REFORM THE AGENCY BUT TO ENSURE THAT THE AGENCY IS
21 STRONGER AND WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE WATER SUPPLY NEEDS OF
22 OUR CUSTOMERS. PRIOR TO COMPLETING MY STATEMENTS, I WOULD LIKE
23 TO PROVIDE THE BOARD A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT THAT OUTLINES
24 THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN ADDRESSING THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTITUTING THE REFORMS THAT WILL MAKE

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1 CENTRAL BASIN A STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE, AND MORE TRANSPARENT
2 PUBLIC AGENCY. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND IF THERE
3 ARE ANY QUESTIONS NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, WE ARE AVAILABLE.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, OR IS IT GOOD AFTERNOON,
9 SUPERVISORS AND CHAIR SOLIS. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH, A
10 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST WITH, FROM THE BEGINNING OF MY
11 TRAINING 29 YEARS AGO, AN INTEREST AND SPECIALTY IN ABUSE AND
12 RECOVERY FOR VICTIMS AND PARTICULARLY CHILDREN. TODAY HAS A
13 CONJUNCTION OF 51-D AND ITEM 4. AND THESE ARE PRETTY STRONGLY
14 RELATED, IN MY THINKING. I'D LIKE TO START OUT WITH A QUOTE
15 FROM ENTERTAINER EDDIE CANTOR, WHO SAID ONCE, "WHEN I SEE THE
16 10-MOST-WANTED LISTS, I ALWAYS HAVE THIS THOUGHT: IF WE HAD
17 MADE THEM FEEL WANTED EARLIER, THEY WOULDN'T BE WANTED NOW."
18 THIS IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND PEOPLE AS
19 ADULTS HARMING OTHERS. SO, OF COURSE, I SUPPORT THAT 51-D,
20 THAT DECLARATION AND, REALLY, THE RECONFIGURATION OF AVAILABLE
21 SPENDING AND EVERY RIGHT THAT YOU HAVE AND WE HAVE AS
22 RESIDENTS TO SEEK FURTHER REVENUES AND SPENDING SO THAT WE MAY
23 INVEST APPROPRIATELY IN CHILDREN. I WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE
24 PRESENTATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY. LET ME MOVE TO NO. 4
25 NOW. AS FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS, MOST OF MY WORK HAS BEEN AS A

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1 PROFESSIONAL VISITING WORK PLACES WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN ALL
2 KINDS OF TRAGEDIES, DEATHS, PEOPLE KILLED AWAY FROM WORK,
3 ACCIDENTS AT WORK, AND DEALING WITH THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS.
4 WHAT HAS STOOD OUT FOR ME IS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT PEOPLE
5 GET PROMPT SERVICES AND ALSO A PROMPT SHOWING OF COMPASSIONATE
6 INTEREST BY THE PROFESSIONALS AND BY EVERYBODY WHO HAS CONTACT
7 WITH THEM. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT A GAP THAT MAYBE THE
8 SUPERVISORS COULD PAY SOME ATTENTION TO AND MAYBE THE DISTRICT
9 ATTORNEY AND THAT OFFICE NEWLY NAMED OF SURVIVOR AND WITNESS
10 SERVICES. I'VE HEARD FROM ONE OF THE ACTIVISTS IN SURVIVORS'
11 AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS THAT SHE HAS HAD TO, FOR YEARS, PURSUE
12 COLLECTIONS AGAIN AND AGAIN ON THE RESTITUTION THAT'S DUE HER
13 BY GOING TO COURT, FACING THE PERSON WHO ASSAULTED HER. LET'S
14 TAKE THAT BURDEN OFF OF HER AND OTHERS. I'D LIKE TO SEE
15 EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF IMMEDIATE RESTITUTION BY
16 GOVERNMENT TO PEOPLE OF WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE, WITH GOVERNMENT
17 THEN TAKING OVER THE TASK OF GOING TO COURTS AND DEMANDING AND
18 ASKING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE HARM.
19 ONE OTHER COMPLICATING ISSUE IS THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE
20 HARM TO OTHERS THEMSELVES ARE SURVIVORS OF EARLIER ABUSE. THAT
21 COMPLICATES THINGS. IT DOESN'T STOP US FROM RESTRAINING OR
22 CONFINING PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK OF HARMING OTHERS, BUT IT
23 OUGHT TO GET US TO THINK ABOUT WHERE ALL THIS COMES FROM. AND
24 SO, AGAIN, AS IN WITH 51-D, I CALL FOR GREATER INTEREST AND

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1 SUPPORT FOR THE EARLIEST INTERVENTIONS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ADELLE LUTZ FOR
5 51-B, BRIAN KAUFMAN, 51-D. [SIREN.] AND NASHIDA MO, 51-B, AND
6 CHARLES IGAWA, 51-B, AND SEI HORIO, 51-B. GO AHEAD. STATE YOUR
7 NAME, MA'AM.

8

9 **ADELLE LUTZ:** MY NAME IS ADELLE LUTZ. MY MOTHER IS A RESIDENT
10 OF THE FORMERLY KNOWN KEIRO NURSING HOME, NOW CALLED K.I., AND
11 I'M HERE ACTUALLY TO ADVOCATE. I'D NEVER BEEN AROUND NURSING
12 HOMES BEFORE, EXCEPT AS A YOUNGSTER WHEN WE WERE EXPECTED TO
13 GO THERE ON THANKSGIVING AND SING AND DO SOME TRICKS AND
14 THINGS. BUT I WAS NEVER A COMMUNITY SUPPORTER FOR THE
15 RESIDENTS. AND IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THESE ARE PEOPLE
16 WHO CANNOT ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES. I SEE RESIDENTS THERE THAT
17 NEVER HAVE ANYONE VISITING THEM. AND THIS WAS A SALE THAT WENT
18 THROUGH WITH ALMOST NO TRANSPARENCY. IT WAS PRETTY OBSCURE. IT
19 HAS CREATED A SEISMIC SHIFT WITHIN THE JAPANESE AND JAPANESE-
20 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. JUST IN THE COUPLE OF MONTHS THAT THE
21 TRANSITION HAS -- SINCE THE TRANSITION TOOK PLACE, AND BELIEVE
22 ME, I WANT THEM TO SUCCEED. I WANT A PLACE FOR THESE OLDIES TO
23 FEEL WELCOME, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S BEING SAID TO THEM, AND TO
24 FLOURISH. THINGS HAVE FALLEN THROUGH THE CRACKS. THEY TELL ME
25 MY MOTHER LOST WEIGHT. WELL, IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE NOW THEY'RE

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1 NOT PUTTING HER TEETH IN. AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE MOLARS, AND I
2 SHOW UP AT DINNER TIME AND I GO, MOM, YOU HAD BREAKFAST AND
3 YOU HAD LUNCH AND NOW YOU CAN'T EAT DINNER BECAUSE YOU DON'T
4 HAVE YOUR MOLARS IN PLACE? AND I'VE HEARD FROM ANOTHER NURSE
5 FRIEND THAT IT'S BEEN A FEW TIMES THAT SHE'S NOTICED THAT,
6 SOMEONE FROM THE OUTSIDE COMING IN TO VISIT. I NOTICED THAT
7 BEFORE SHE WOULD BE OUT OF BED BY 7:30 TO 8. NOW I COME IN AT
8 10:30 SOMETIMES, SOMETIMES AFTER THAT, AND I PANIC BECAUSE I
9 SEE HER IN BED. AND I GO, MOM, WHY ARE YOU IN BED? ARE YOU
10 SICK? NO, SHE'S OKAY. THEY'RE JUST -- WHETHER IT'S LACK OF
11 STAFF -- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, I'M JUST BEGGING YOU, KEEP AN
12 EYE OUT. AND BECAUSE IF IT'S HAPPENING TO KEIRO, IT'S ALSO
13 HAPPENING IN OTHER PLACES. AND I THINK THAT 51-B, ESPECIALLY,
14 WE NEED TRANSPARENCY. WE NEED THE LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY
15 GENERAL AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER,
18 PLEASE?

19

20 **MO NISHIDA:** MY NAME IS MO NISHIDA, AND I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE
21 MOTION, I GUESS. BUT IT'S CONDITIONAL. IT'S CONDITIONAL,
22 BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY
23 WITH THIS LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY
24 WHAT'S BEEN PRESENTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND
25 THEN WHAT THEY MADE THEIR DECISION ON. AND WHAT WE'VE SEEN IS

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1 THAT OUR REVIEW OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC DOCUMENTS IS
2 THAT THIS STUFF, KEIRO'S STUFF HAS BEEN PRETTY WEAK. AND WHAT
3 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT I THINK THAT IT WOULD HELP IF THE
4 COUNTY SAW THAT IN THE INTEREST OF DEMOCRACY, WE'VE GOT THE
5 MOST, YOU KNOW, COMPLEX, MULTILINGUAL, MULTINATIONAL,
6 MULTIETHNIC COUNTY PROBABLY IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY, AND THAT
7 WE'VE BEEN A LEADER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS EQUALITY OF
8 LANGUAGES AND STUFF LIKE THAT, RIGHT, THAT WE HAVE THE
9 DOCUMENTS, ONE, MADE EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO ACCESS; TWO, THAT
10 THEY BE TRANSLATED. THESE ARE THE DOCUMENTS THAT THE ATTORNEY
11 GENERAL HAS ON THE ISSUE OF KEIRO. THERE'S THREE VOLUMES, AS I
12 UNDERSTAND IT, ONE FROM THE ENSIGN DEAL AND TWO ON THE
13 PACIFICA DEAL. BUT I THINK THEY WILL SHOW VERY CLEARLY, THEN,
14 WHERE THEY MESSED UP. THERE WAS NO BUSINESS IN TERMS OF THE
15 ATTORNEY GENERAL OKAYING THIS THING, RIGHT? THAT'S THE MAIN
16 CONTENTION NOW, IS THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS NEVER HAD A CHANCE
17 TO DISCUSS THIS THING OPENLY AND WITH KNOWLEDGE, AND THAT THE
18 ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE STATE INTERVENED AND TOOK THE SIDE OF
19 SELLING IT. AND IT LOOKED LIKE THEY SHOEHORNED THIS THING
20 TOWARD PACIFICA. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU AND WE MOVE FORWARD
21 AND INVESTIGATE THIS THING AND PLEASE HELP US IN TERMS OF
22 GETTING THESE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE IN THE
23 COMMUNITY, BOTH IN JAPANESE AND ENGLISH. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?

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2 **SEI HORIO:** MY NAME IS SEI HORIO. I'M A MEMBER OF SOUTHERN
3 CALIFORNIA GARDENERS' FEDERATION. SUPERVISOR THOMAS, YOU
4 REMEMBER ME? I WAS A _____ GARDENER. YEAH. THE
5 _____ ISSUE. IF YOU TALK ABOUT JAPANESE-AMERICAN HISTORY
6 WITHOUT TALKING GARDENERS BEFORE THE WAR, JAPANESE MOST
7 OCCUPATION WAS FARMER OR GARDENER. AFTER WAR, PEOPLE COMING
8 BACK FROM RELOCATION CAMP, EVEN ENGLISH-SPEAKING JAPANESE,
9 BECAME GARDENERS, AND ALSO AFTER THE WAR, LIKE ME, CAME TO
10 THIS COUNTRY, BECAME A GARDENER. WE WORKED SO HARD, GAVE OUR
11 CHILDREN EDUCATION. AND AFTER THAT, OUR HOPE WAS THAT WE WOULD
12 NOT RETIRE TO THE KEIRO HOME. THAT WAS OUR LAST STEP. BUT THIS
13 TIME, WITHOUT NOT ENOUGH HIGHER CARING, THEY SOLD TO A PROFIT-
14 MAKING ORGANIZATION -- COMPANY THAT, REALLY, I THINK WRONG.
15 THAT BELONGS TO JAPANESE COMMUNITY. SO, I WAS REALLY
16 DISAPPOINT. I WISH COUNTY SUPERVISOR CAN HELP OUT THE JAPANESE
17 COMMUNITY JUST MORE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. NEXT
20 SPEAKER?

21

22 **CHARLES IGAWA:** MY NAME IS CHARLES IGAWA, P.H.D. I AM SPEAKING
23 IN BEHALF OF THE RESOLUTION. WE ARE VERY, VERY GRATEFUL THAT
24 THE SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND THOMAS HAVE PREPARED THIS PARTICULAR
25 DOCUMENT ON OUR BEHALF. AND I CAME PREPARED TO MAKE STATEMENT

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1 WRITTEN, BUT MUCH OF WHAT I WAS PREPARED TO DO MR. FLEMING
2 SPOKE IN DETAIL, SO I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT WAS SAID
3 ALREADY, EXCEPT THAT A COUPLE OF POINTS THAT I WANT TO MAKE.
4 ONE IS THAT I MYSELF HAVE A P.H.D. IN COMPARATIVE CULTURE
5 SPECIALIZING AND LOOKING AT DYNAMICS, DYNAMIC PROCESSES WITHIN
6 THE COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE DOMINANT ENGLISH SPEAKERS AND THE
7 NEWCOMERS, WHO ARE STILL ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES CULTURALLY
8 AND LINGUISTICALLY OR OTHERWISE IN A NEW WORLD, NEWCOMERS
9 WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IN THIS
10 PARTICULAR KEIRO CASE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE KEIRO
11 MANAGEMENT HAD REAPEATEDLY SAID THAT THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH
12 THE COMMUNITY, THE FACT THAT ABOUT 60 -- 75 OR SO PERCENTAGE
13 OF THE RESIDENTS OF KEIRO FACILITIES ARE POST-WAR TRANSPLANTS,
14 AS I CALL THEM, JAPANESE-DOMINANT SPEAKERS, THEIR VIEWS WITHIN
15 THE COMMUNITY WERE NOT REFLECTED IN MANY OF THE SURVEYS TAKEN
16 BY THE SPECIALISTS WHO CONSULTED KEIRO MANAGEMENT. MANY OF THE
17 ISSUES AND POLICIES THAT DERIVED, CAME OUT OF THE KEIRO
18 MANAGEMENT, IN MY VIEW, WERE DONE WITHOUT CONSULTATION TO THAT
19 PARTICULAR SEGMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THE FACT THAT
20 MANY RESIDENTS OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES WHO ENDED
21 UP AND WHO ARE GOING TO BE ENDING UP IF FACILITIES STILL
22 EXISTED WOULD HAVE BEEN A JAPANESE-DOMINANT PEOPLE
23 LINGUISTICALLY. AND THOSE PEOPLE SIMPLY REFLECT THE FACT THAT
24 THE KEIRO MANAGEMENT DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMIC PROCESS
25 THAT WAS ONGOING IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT. THE CASE OF THE KEIRO

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1 SALE, IN MY VIEW, COULD BE A FORM -- SIGN THAT OTHER SIMILIAR
2 ISSUES COULD EMERGE IN THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
3 SERVING ETHNIC-SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT TO
4 THE FACT THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IS SAYING THAT THEY
5 HAVE ACCEPTED CONDITIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUPERVISORS TAKE
6 A LOOK AT THOSE CONDITIONS CAREFULLY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. WE HAVE
9 CALLED UP BRIAN KAUFMAN ON ITEM 51-D AND ISO NAKASATO ON ITEM
10 51-C. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

11

12 **ISO NAKASATO:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, DISTINGUISHED
13 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ISO NAKASATO. I'M THE DISTRICT
14 DIRECTOR FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER CRISTINA GARCIA. AND THE
15 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WANTED ME TO COME IN TODAY AND TO EXPRESS HER
16 THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION ON AND SUPPORT FOR A.B. 1794. A.B.
17 1794 CREATES A NEW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE CENTRAL WATER
18 BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO ADDRESS EPIC CONCERNS RAISED
19 BY THE CALIFORNIA AUDIT REPORT. THE LIST OF CONCERNS WERE
20 LONG, AND IT HAD LACK OF LEADERSHIP TO TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.
21 THE CENTRAL BASIN HAS BEEN WORKING REALLY, REALLY PROFOUNDLY
22 INTO IMPROVING ALL OF THESE, BUT THERE'S STILL A NEED FOR
23 PERMANENT CHANGE IN THE GOVERNANCE FOR REAL LONG-TERM REFORM.
24 LAST YEAR THE AUDIT WAS RELIEVED, AND WHEN IT WAS RELEASED,
25 THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASKED THE CENTRAL BASIN TO HIRE AN

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1 INDEPENDENT FACILITATOR TO WORK WITH THE PURVEYORS SO THAT WE
2 CAN HAVE A SERIES OF STAKEHOLDER HEARINGS AND MEETINGS TO FIND
3 A GOOD SOLUTION. THIS WAS THE CREATION OF A.B. 1794.

4 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CRISTINA GARCIA CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE
5 STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PURVEYORS AND CONSULTANTS TO FINALIZE THE
6 DETAILS FOR THIS BILL. THE COMBINATION OF THESE CHANGES WILL
7 PROVIDE A MIX OF OVERSIGHT, EXPERTISE, ACCOUNTABILITY TO
8 BETTER PROTECT THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE SERVED BY THE CENTRAL
9 BASIN. ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRISTINA GARCIA WANTED ME TO GO AHEAD
10 AND EXPRESS HER THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR HER BILL. THANK
11 YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO HAVE ITEMS HELD,
14 VARIOUS ITEMS HELD BY ERIC PREVEN, 1-P, 1, 11, 15, 16, 17, 23,
15 24, 26, 32, 38, 48, C.S.-5. AND ARNOLD SACHS HAS HELD ITEM 1-
16 F, 1-P, 2-P, 11, 12, 15, 16, 31, 32, 39, 41, AND 51-D. MR.
17 PREVEN.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, AND I'LL COME BACK ON THE
20 BUDGET ITEM 50 AND ITEM 29, WHICH HAS BEEN HELD BY A
21 SUPERVISOR. ITEM 1-P IS AN UPTICK OF \$9.77 MILLION. IT'S BEING
22 ADDED TO A BUDGET THAT WAS ORIGINALLY \$3.6 MILLION TO UPGRADE
23 THE NORWALK GOLF FACILITY THAT WE GOT INTO A DEAL WITH NORWALK
24 TO TAKE OVER. THIS IS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PARKS AND OPEN
25 SPACE DISTRICT MONEY THAT IS GOING INTO THIS, SO FAR

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1 UNSPECIFIED. THEY'RE JUST INCREASING EVERYTHING. SOMEBODY
2 ALLUDED TO THE FACT THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE NEW INSTEAD OF
3 RENOVATED. I JUST FEEL THAT GIVEN ALL OF THE NEEDS IN THE
4 FOURTH DISTRICT AND AROUND THE COUNTY, TO BE POURING MORE
5 MONEY INTO THE GOLF OPERATION IS QUESTIONABLE, BECAUSE WE WERE
6 ALL CONTENT WITH THE \$3.6 MILLION. TO BRING IT UP TO \$13.2
7 MILLION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IS ENORMOUS. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL
8 ADVISE. ITEM NO. 28, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, BECAUSE WE WERE OVER
9 BUDGET SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE HALL OF JUSTICE. THAT'S WHERE THE
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHERIFFS HUNKERED DOWN ACROSS THE
11 STREET. WE DID A NICE RENOVATION. IT WAS WELL OVER BUDGET AT
12 TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY OR \$40 MILLION DOLLARS, \$31 MILLION
13 MAYBE, AND NOW WE'RE GOING BACK FOR ANOTHER \$2 MILLION TO PUT
14 IN A CAFETERIA. I MEAN, FOR GOD'S SAKES, HOW DID THEY NOT GET
15 THE CAFETERIA RIGHT WITH THE QUARTER BILLION? THIS IS
16 EMBARRASSING. THIS IS INSULTING. I MEAN, I AM REALLY APPALLED
17 AT THAT. ITEM NO. 15 IS THE HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING FOR THIS
18 YEAR, \$17 MILLION. NOW, WHEN YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT IT, THERE'S
19 APPROXIMATELY, I THINK IT'S \$2.3 MILLION IS EARMARKED FOR
20 PALANTIR, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. THIS IS THE GROUP THAT SOLIS AND
21 ANTONOVICH QUESTIONED. THIS IS THE GROUP THAT HAS TAKEN TENS
22 OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR PROVIDING SOME KIND OF COMPUTERIZED
23 WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE. SO, I REALLY, I MEAN THAT NEEDS TO BE
24 SCRUTINIZED. HOMELAND SECURITY IS IMPORTANT, BUT WE GOT TO BE
25 CAREFUL. I MEAN, THESE GUYS ARE STEALING FROM US. ITEM NO. 32

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1 IS THE ARMY, WHO IS DOING SOMETHING. I WOULD CHOOSE TO SAY THE
2 ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERING IS GOING TO BE HOLDING A HEARING ON
3 MAY 10TH FOR BOAT CENTRAL. AND THIS WILL GIVE SUPERVISOR KUEHL
4 AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT WHAT SHE THINKS ABOUT THAT
5 PROJECT TO PUT A BOAT VALET IN MARINA DEL REY ALONG WITH THE
6 OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED TO IT. ITEM 38 IS -- I
7 HAVE TO BE HELD DOWN ON THIS ITEM BECAUSE IT HAS TO DO WITH,
8 WICKHAM, THE SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES PROBATION CONTRACT FOR
9 ELECTRONIC MONITORING. THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE COUNTY'S
10 STAINS FOR YEARS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DOING ANY REAL BUSINESS.
11 THEY -- I MEAN, CAN'T WE GET ELECTRONIC MONITORING? IT IS SUCH
12 A SABER WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE GOING, INCARCERATION WHERE THEY
13 SHOULDN'T BE. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP TRACK OF THESE PEOPLE WHO
14 ARE NOT SO DANGEROUS, THIS IS WHAT YOU DO, AND WE'RE NOT DOING
15 IT. I DO NOT GET IT. ITEM NO. 17 IS OBVIOUSLY THE EXECUTIVE
16 OFFICERS ADDING A NEW PERSON. THAT PERSON BETTER BE IN CHARGE
17 OF PULLING OUT THESE LITTLE RED WARNINGS TO THE PUBLIC WHERE
18 THERE'S ALREADY A FULL PAGE ON IT AND THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS
19 WHICH ARE JUST OFFENSEIVE. AND BY THE WAY, THESE ARE NOT
20 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE. THESE ARE YOUR PUBLIC WHO PUT YOU IN
21 OFFICE, F.Y.I., SUPERVISOR -- SORRY, MISS GLASGOW. AND ITEM 23
22 IS EMERGENCY AMBULANCE CONTRACTS. AND A.M.R., MR. ARNIE
23 BERGHOFF HAS LOBBIED FOR THEM FOR YEARS. THEY HAVE BEEN ON THE
24 BOOKS FOR 2006. WE'RE EXTENDING ANOTHER SIX MONTHS FOR THIS
25 GROUP. AND FOR THE RECORD, JUST SO YOU KNOW..

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** ..ITEM 24 IS A PHARMACY GROUP THAT ALSO HAS
5 BERGHOFF'S LOBBYIST CLIENT --

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
8 MENTION ARNOLD SACHS PULLED ITEMS 51-D AND 51-B.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, WELL, THANK YOU FOR MENTIONING THAT,
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YES, I DID HOLD A LOT OF ITEMS. I HELD ITEM
12 1-F. IT DEALS WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING. SO, I'M
13 WONDERING, WITH THE \$20-BILLION DEBT THAT YOU HAVE INCURRED
14 FOR YOUR PUBLIC FINANCING, IN ADDITION TO THE \$27-BILLION
15 UNFUNDED HEALTH MANDATE, HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING? 1-P REFERS TO
16 THE 10 MILLION, AGAIN, THE NORWALK GOLF COURSE. THERE WAS AN
17 INTERESTING STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING A HOUSING -- A
18 HOMELESS CENTER, A 44-UNIT HOME. CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON THE
19 \$20-MILLION DEVELOPMENT TWO YEARS AGO WITH \$13.5 MILLION
20 COMING FROM THE FEDERAL TAX CREDITS AND \$7 MILLION BEING
21 FOOTED BY THE GLENDALE AND ITS HOUSING AUTHORITY. SO I'M
22 WONDERING IF YOU HAVE \$10 MILLION FOR A GOLF COURSE, HOW MUCH
23 YOU HAVE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE
24 COLISEUM ON ITEM 11, THE STATE PROPERTY, YOU HAVE PLENTY OF
25 OVERSIGHT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE DOING IT WITH YOUR EYES SHUT.

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1 THE FAIRPLEX, WHICH IS COUNTY PROPERTY, YOU HAVEN'T A CLUE.
2 HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? ITEM 12 REFERS TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS.
3 THERE WAS AN L.A. TIMES STORY ABOUT THE STATE WANTING TO DO --
4 BILL WOULD SHINE LIGHT ON STATE PANELS. WE NEED A BILL TO
5 SHINE LIGHT ON SOME OF THE COUNTY PANELS AND SOME OF THE
6 COUNTY DISTRICTS, JUST LIKE THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING THAT
7 YOU SET UP WITH YOUR OWN INTEGRITY, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT TO BE
8 QUESTIONED. ITEM 15 REFERS TO HOMELAND SECURITY GIVING \$17
9 MILLION TO THE COUNTY. AND I'M THINKING ABOUT THAT LITTLE
10 EPISODE AT L.A.X. WHERE THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT LEFT BEHIND BAGS
11 OF COCAINE AND EVERYBODY -- SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS A BOMB.
12 THAT WOULD BE HOMELAND SECURITY. AND WHEN THEY CONTACTED
13 L.A.X. POLICE, THEY NEGLECTED TO ISSUE THAT LITTLE 4.1.1. BIT
14 OF INFORMATION. BUT, YET, AND THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT MANAGED TO
15 GET AWAY. \$17 MILLION TO THE COUNTY. THAT'S A BIG HELP. 16
16 REFERS TO L.A.-R.I.C.S. SO I'M WONDERING, YOU KNOW, THE FIRE
17 DEPARTMENT UNIONS WERE IN HERE TO ADDRESS THE HAZARDS OF THE
18 SYSTEM. I'M GLAD TO SEE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS ITS
19 REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO ADDRESS THE HAZARDS OF PUTTING THE
20 SYSTEM AT SHERIFF'S STATIONS. SO IT IS OR IT ISN'T A HAZARD?
21 41 REFERS TO SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
22 PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR '15/'16, AND 39 REFERS TO
23 NONSUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS TO THE SAME PLAN FOR THE
24 FISCAL YEAR '16/'17. 31-D IS PEOPLE MENTIONED THE STRIKE THREE
25 THREE YEARS AGO WHEN THE BUDGET WAS \$25 BILLION. NOW THE

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1 BUDGET IS \$26.9 BILLION. WHERE'D THE \$1.9 BILLION GO? AND 51-
2 B, YOUR NURSING HOME CARE. DIDN'T YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE
3 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE OVERSIGHT OF NURSING HOMES WHERE YOU
4 HAD TO HAVE -- THERE WAS A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE..

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ..THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WASN'T DOING THE
9 INSPECTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER?

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A FEW MORE ITEMS THAT WERE
12 HELD. I'D LIKE TO TO CALL UP THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS ON 51-B,
13 DAVID WATANABE, KENJI IRIE, KEIKO IKEDA, AND TAKESHI
14 MATSUMOTO, ALL ON ITEM 51-B. GOOD MORNING, SIR.

15

16 **DAVID WATANABE:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

19

20 **DAVID WATANABE:** DAVID WATANABE. I'M A RETIRED ENGINEER. I'M
21 NOT USED TO SPEAKING, SO I'M NERVOUS. AND FOR 70-YEAR-OLD GUY,
22 I'M TRAUMATIZED. BUT, ANYWAY, I'M IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION, AND
23 I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY ON THE KEIRO
24 MANAGEMENT. I WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT KEIRO WAS SOLD, BECAUSE
25 THE SEPTEMBER 2015 ANNOUNCEMENT WAS AFTER THE FAILED SALE TO

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1 ENSIGN BACK IN 2014. BUT WHAT I WAS SURPRISED, AND I THINK THE
2 WHOLE COMMUNITY WAS SURPRISED, WAS THE CONDITIONS ON WHICH IT
3 WAS SOLD, WHICH WAS FIVE YEARS PACIFICA, THE NEW BUYER, WAS
4 COMMITTED FOR ONLY FIVE YEARS AFTER THE SALE TO KEEP KEIRO AS
5 IT IS. AND IT IS A VERY CULTURALLY SENSITIVE PLACE. I WAS A
6 VOLUNTEER THERE FOR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AT THE INTERMEDIATE
7 CARE. SO, I KNOW HOW THE PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS THERE INTERACT
8 AND WHAT THEY NEED. AND, YOU KNOE, WHO BETTER TO TAKE CARE OF
9 THE JAPANESE THAN THE JAPANESE? BUT, ANYWAY, KEIRO, I WAS VERY
10 DISAPPOINTED WITH THE A.G., WHO REJECTED OUR INITIAL COMPLAINT
11 THAT WE WANTED THEM TO STOP THE SALE BECAUSE THEY HAD
12 INACCURATE INFORMATION. AND THIS WAS RELATED TO THE 62
13 MEETINGS THAT KEIRO LISTED IN THEIR PACKAGE TO THE A.G., THE
14 2,000 PAGES OR LITTLE BIT LESS. BUT WE HAD A TEAM TO RESEARCH
15 THESE MEETINGS, AND WE COULD NOT FIND ANYONE WHO ATTENDED
16 THOSE MEETINGS WHO SAID THE SALE, THE DETAILS OF THE SALE WERE
17 DISCUSSED, OR EVEN THE SALE. I GOT TWO DOCUMENTS OUT OF THE
18 KEIRO STAFF, AND THEY WERE PART OF THE 62 MEETINGS LISTED. BUT
19 THESE MINUTES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SALE. SO I MAINTAIN THAT
20 KEIRO DID NOT PUT FORTH AN HONEST PROPOSAL. OH, THAT WAS MY
21 TIMER. SORRY. BUT, ANYWAY, SO I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY KEEP
22 AN EYE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING TO KEIRO, BECAUSE THE RESIDENTS
23 NEED OUR HELP. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS?

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1

2 **DR. KENJI IRIE:** MY NAME IS DR. KENJI IRIE. I HAVE BEEN TAKING
3 CARE OF MY PATIENTS AT THE KEIRO FACILITIES SINCE 1982. I WAS
4 AGAINST THE SALE, BECAUSE IT WAS ETHICALLY WRONG AND THE
5 QUALITY OF CARE AT KEIRO WOULD NOT BE MAINTAINED UNDER THE NEW
6 OWNERSHIP ON AN INVESTMENT COMPANY. LOOKING BACK AT THE ENTIRE
7 PROCESS OF THE SALE, IT BECOMES VERY CLEAR THAT THE KEIRO SIDE
8 MANAGEMENT VIOLATED THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE
9 FOLLOWING FIVE WAYS. NUMBER 1, THEY SOLD THE KEIRO FACILITIES
10 WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH THE OWNERS, THAT IS, THE JAPANESE
11 AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES, AND KEPT THE PROFIT TO
12 THEMSELVES. NUMBER 2, THEY PROVIDED FALSE INFORMATION TO THE
13 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE WAIVER
14 TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING. NUMBER 3, TO ASK FOR DONATIONS, THEY
15 PROMISED TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY WOULD INDEFINITELY TAKE
16 CARE OF THE MEDICARE/MEDI-CAL RESIDENTS. WHEN THEY SOLD THE
17 FACILITIES, THEY BROKE THEIR PROMISE. NUMBER 4, IN PROMISE OF
18 KEIRO ISSUED IN THE 1990S, THEY DECLARED THAT THEY WOULD TAKE
19 CARE OF THE RESIDENTS UNTIL DEATH. PEOPLE BELIEVED THIS, AND
20 MANY SOLD THEIR PROPERTIES TO ENTER THE FACILITIES. WHEN THE
21 KEIRO ADMINISTRATION SOLD THE FACILITIES, THEY BETRAYED THE
22 TRUST OF THE RESIDENTS. NUMBER 5, ALTHOUGH IT IS A LEGAL DUTY
23 FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO DISCLOSE ITS RECORDS WHEN
24 REQUESTED, THEY DID NOT RELEASE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS
25 WHICH HAD CONCLUDED THE SALE, IGNORING THE PETITIONS SIGNED BY

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1 COMMUNITY MEMBERS REQUESTING TRANSPARENCY. THE FORMER KEIRO
2 NURSING HOME ON LINCOLN HEIGHTS, ONE OF MY ELDERLY PATIENTS
3 PASSED AWAY IN SHOCK TWO DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NEWS OF THE
4 SALE COMPLETION. HER HUSBAND IS NOW DEPRESSED. THE HEALTH
5 INSURANCE COVERAGE WAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED FOR THE STAFF OF
6 THE FORMER KEIRO FACILITIES UNDER THE NEW OWNERSHIP. MANY
7 EXCELLENT BILINGUAL STAFF ARE NOW BEING FORCED TO LEAVE AS A
8 RESULT. SOME HAVE ALREADY LEFT. THE DISASTROUS SITUATION HAD
9 BEEN ANTICIPATED PRIOR TO THE SALE AND IS NOW RAPIDLY
10 DEVELOPING. THE EX-KEIRO ADMINISTRATORS AND THE BOARD MEMBERS
11 MUST RESIGN AND GIVE UP THE EX-KEIRO'S ASSETS. I FIRMLY
12 BELIEVE THAT ACTION IS NECESSARY TO RESTORE THE PEACE IN THE
13 LOS ANGELES JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **DR. KENJI IRIE:** PLEASE HELP US BY PASSING THE MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

20 MA'AM?

21

22 **KEIKO IKEDA:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
23 GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE KEIRO SITUATION. I
24 AM KEIKO IKEDA. I'M A PSYCHOLOGIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE HERE IN
25 LITTLE TOKYO FOR THE PAST 29 YEARS. I'D LIKE TO TO DISCUSS THE

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1 SEVERITY OF THE CONDITIONS SET IN THE SALES AGREEMENT. I
2 BELIEVE THESE CONDITIONS WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE
3 CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS TO STAY AT KEIRO. I WILL STATE
4 THE REASONS FOR THIS, AND THIS IS WHERE I FEEL THE
5 IRRESPONSIBILITY OF KEIRO ADMINISTRATION AND THE ATTORNEY
6 GENERAL'S OFFICE LIE. THESE CONDITIONS WILL LITERALLY LEAVE
7 THE RESIDENTS TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES AND BECOME HOMELESS.
8 FIRST, THE CONDITION THAT MEDICARE AND MEDI-CAL WILL BE
9 HONORED FOR FIVE YEARS ONLY. ABOUT 66 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT
10 RESIDENTS AT THE NURSING HOME ARE ON MEDI-CAL. AND THE FIGURE
11 GOES UP TO EVEN HIGHER, TO 80 PERCENT IN THE ALZHEIMER UNIT.
12 MANY RESIDENTS WILL LIVE BEYOND THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,
13 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE ALZHEIMER UNIT, WHO TEND TO BE
14 YOUNGER IN AGE AND WHO REQUIRE LONG-TERM CARE. THEY WILL BE
15 FACED WITH A DIRE SITUATION AT THE END OF THE FIVE-YEAR GRACE
16 PERIOD. MY CLIENT WHO IS IN HER MID 80S WITH MENTAL
17 DETERIORATION BUT IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION WILL LIVE BEYOND
18 THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. SHE HAS NO FAMILY, AND SHE HAS SOLD HER
19 HOME TO ENTER KEIRO. SHE'S A JAPANESE-SPEAKING WIDOW, AND SHE
20 HAS DEPLETED HER ASSETS. SHE NOW DEPENDS ON MEDICARE AND MEDI-
21 CAL TO COVER FOR HER MEDICAL COSTS. WHERE WILL SHE GO IN FIVE
22 YEARS? SHE'S NOT WORRIED, BECAUSE SHE HAS DEMENTIA AND DOES
23 NOT UNDERSTAND THESE MATTERS. BUT SHE WILL BE HOMELESS UNLESS
24 SOMETHING CHANGES. THE CURRENT COST OF KEIRO NURSING HOME IS
25 EXPENSIVE. AND THIS IS WHY WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH

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1 COVERAGE, MANY OF THE RESIDENTS WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE
2 FACILITIES. THE JAPANESE AND THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
3 IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE A SCARCITY OF FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.
4 THERE ARE SOME RETIREMENT HOMES IN SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, AND
5 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, BUT THEY ARE NOT SKILLED NURSING
6 FACILITIES. IT IS A SERIOUS MATTER THAT THERE IS NO COMPARABLE
7 FACILITY IN THIS COUNTRY FOR KEIRO RESIDENTS TO TRANSFER TO
8 SHOULD THEY BE FORCED OUT OF THE CURRENT LIVING CONDITION.
9 SECOND IS THE RENT INCREASE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE
10 RETIREMENT HOME, WHO PAY OUT OF POCKET FOR THEIR STAY. BECAUSE
11 THE FACILITIES ARE NOT UNDER RENT CONTROL, INCREASE IN YEARLY
12 RENT CAN BRING HARDSHIPS TO THE RESIDENTS. THIRD IS THE
13 CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SERVICES, WHICH HAS BEEN FALLING APART
14 SINCE THE DAY THAT THE OWNERSHIP HAS CHANGED. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. NEXT
17 SPEAKER.

18

19 **DR. TAKESHI MATSUMOTO:** I'M DR. TAKESHI MATSUMOTO. I'VE BEEN IN
20 PRACTICE IN LOS ANGELES FOR 33 YEARS TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS
21 AT KEIRO NURSING HOME AND THE RETIREMENT HOME. AND I'M ALSO A
22 MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO
23 SAVE KEIRO, AS WELL AS ON THE BOARD OF THE KOREISHA SENIOR
24 CARE AND ADVOCACY. I WAS GOING TO SPEAK AT LENGTH, BUT SINCE
25 I'M ON A TIMER, WHICH I HATE, I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS -- TRY TO

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1 MAKE IT BRIEF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN, AND ALSO
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. SINCE OCTOBER OF
3 LAST YEAR, OUR GROUP GARNERED ABOUT 17,000 PETITIONS AGAINST
4 THE SALE AND FOR A HEARING, A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR OUR
5 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE SALE. AND DURING THAT PROCESS, WE HAD
6 THREE OR FOUR FORUMS, AND WE ALSO HAD A TOWN HALL MEETING ALSO
7 EXPRESSING OUR REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER TO STOP
8 THE SALE OF KEIRO. WE ALSO MET WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
9 OFFICE ON NOVEMBER 24TH PRESENTING OUR CASE THAT THERE WERE
10 FRAUDULENT INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE OF LACK OF DUE DILIGENCE
11 ON THE PART OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS WELL AS KEIRO WHEN THEY
12 PRESENTED INFORMATION TO GET THE APPROVAL FOR THE SALE. IN
13 SPITE OF ALL THIS INFORMATION THAT WE PRESENTED FROM OUR
14 RESEARCH, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE STATED THAT THEY COULD
15 NOT RESCIND THE APPROVAL BECAUSE OF THE LAW THAT IT IS IN
16 PLACE RIGHT NOW. SO, WE ALSO OBTAINED PRO BONO LAWYERS, AND WE
17 TRIED TO GET A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO HALT THE SALE.
18 WE FAILED THERE, AS WELL. WE HAD A MARCH OF WHAT I CALL THE
19 OLD GEEZERS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, LED BY MO
20 NISHIDA TO PRESENT PETITIONS AGAINST THE SALE. AND WE DID
21 OTHER ACTIVITIES, AS WELL. BUT IN SPITE OF ALL THESE
22 ACTIVITIES, WE WERE STILL NOT ABLE TO CONVINCE THE BOARD AND
23 THE C.E.O., SHAWN MIYAKE, TO STOP THE SALE. THE PROBLEM WITH
24 THE SALE IS IT WAS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY, BECAUSE THE KEIRO SOLD
25 THE PROPERTY TO A REAL ESTATE COMPANY, PACIFICA, AND THEY IN

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1 TURN WOULD LEASE THE FACILITIES TO OPERATORS, ASPEN AND
2 NORTHSTAR. SO ALL THE REASONS FOR THE SALE THAT WAS PRESENTED
3 BY KEIRO WAS MADE INVALID BY THAT SALE. MY PROBLEM IS, HOW DO
4 WE CONVINCE AND REPLACE THE CURRENT BOARD ON THE KEIRO? THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. THAT
8 CONCLUDES THE COMMENTS THAT WERE PULLED BY MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** , MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
12 ARE BEFORE YOU. 1-F, 1-P, 2-P, 1, 4, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 20,
13 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 32, 38, 39, 41, 48, 51-C, 51-D, AND ON
14 ITEM 51-B, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS
15 ABSTAIN.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER, WITHOUT OBJECTION,
19 WITH THE NOTED ABSTENTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WE DID CALL
20 YOU. PLEASE TALK TO THE STAFF. WE HAVE THE INFORMATION, THE
21 EVIDENCE THERE. THANK YOU. MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO TURN TO ITEM
22 R-1, THAT IS BEFORE WE GO INTO THE BUDGET, AND THIS IS
23 REGARDING THE EXIDE UPDATE. BEFORE OUR DEPARTMENT LEADERS COME
24 UP, I'D LIKE TO SHARE OUR EARLY SUCCESSES OF THE NEW HEALTH
25 AGENCY. AND I THINK THAT EXIDE, THE WHOLE ISSUE THAT HAS COME

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1 BEFORE THE BOARD, HAS REALLY SHOWN US HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
2 OUR HEALTH AGENCY TO WORK TOGETHER. AND WE SAW IT FIRSTHAND ON
3 THE STREETS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WITH THE COLLABORATION WITH
4 OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND
5 HEALTH SERVICES. AND I DO WANT TO COMMEND OUR C.E.O. AS WELL
6 AS OUR OFFICERS FOR OUR VARIOUS HEALTH AGENCIES THAT CARRIED -
7 - HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT CARRIED OUT THIS INITIATIVE. I THINK
8 IT'S A BREAKTHROUGH FOR US, FOR THE COUNTY. AND THEY HAVE A
9 VIDEO THAT THEY'D LIKE US TO VIEW RIGHT NOW. THEY DO STELLAR
10 WORK. IF YOU PUT US UP TO D.T.S.C. [VIDEO PLAYS.]

11

12 **SPEAKER:** LET'S GET STARTED. WE REALLY WANT TO SPEAK TO 1,000
13 RESIDENTS; HOWEVER, WE WANT TO COVER AS MANY HOMES AS
14 POSSIBLE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** TODAY I'M HERE JOINING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TO GO INTO
17 THE COMMITTEE AND LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE
18 GOING TO TELL THEM HOW THEY CAN GET TESTED FOR LEAD IN THEIR
19 BLOOD. WE ARE GOING TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY CAN GET THEIR
20 GROUNDS TESTED ALSO FOR LEAD. AND WE'RE GIVING THEM
21 INFORMATION ON WHERE THEY CAN READ, SO THEY CAN HAVE BETTER
22 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE'RE INFORMING THEM ABOUT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I'M HERE TODAY AS A RESOURCE FOR THE PROMOTORAS AND
25 OUR HEALTH EDUCATORS' ASSISTANTS IN THE FIELD. IF THEY NEED

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1 ANY RESOURCES, IF THERE'S QUESTIONS THAT THEY CANNOT ANSWER
2 WITH THE COMMUNITY, I'M HERE TO ASSIST THEM WITH THAT.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HOLA. BUENOS DIAS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WHEN YOU START HEARING THAT IT CAN AFFECT YOUR
7 FAMILY, THEN YOU BECOME WORRIED. YOU BECOME STRESSED. YOU
8 BECOME, YOU KNOW, JUST YOU CAN'T SLEEP. YOU HAVE ANXIETY. SO
9 THOSE ARE ALL AREAS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CAN
10 COME IN AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THESE ARE ALL, YOU KNOW, STAGES
11 THAT THEY CAN EXPERIENCE AND HOW WE CAN HELP THEM.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** AS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, WE'RE TRAINED, YOU KNOW, IN
14 A VARIETY OF EVERYTHING. BUT, STILL, MENTAL HEALTH ISN'T OUR
15 SPECIALTY. AND SO WITH THAT MENTAL HEALTH TOUCH, YOU KNOW, TO
16 DEAL WITH THE STRESS AND STUFF THAT THESE PEOPLE MAY FEEL, I
17 THINK IT'S VERY HELPFUL.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I'M JUST VERY EMOTIONAL RIGHT NOW. I JUST HEARD A
20 FAMILY WHO'S HAVE FIVE OF THEIR KIDS HAVE LEAD. SO, IT'S VERY
21 TOUCHING. IT'S VERY, LIKE I HAVE TO DO THIS. I HAVE TO FINISH
22 THIS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I DIDN'T KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ALL THIS, AND THEY GAVE
25 ME GOOD INFORMATION, SO IT WAS GOOD.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING.

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4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HOW ARE YOU?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MANY OF OUR PATIENTS ARE AFFECTED BY THE DISTRIBUTION
9 OF THE EXIDE LEAD CONTAMINATION. SO, WE HAVE PEDIATRIC
10 PATIENTS WHO COME IN. WE DO DO REGULAR PEDIATRIC LEAD TESTING
11 TO MAKE SURE THAT PATIENTS WHO DO HAVE LEAD IN THEIR SYSTEMS
12 ARE EVALUATED. NOW WITH THE EXIDE OUTREACH, WHAT WE'LL BE
13 DOING IS KIND OF INTENSIFYING THAT, BROADENING IT OUT TO NOT
14 JUST INDIVIDUALS WHO WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEING BUT TO OTHER
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS. CHILDREN WHO ARE
16 EXPOSE TODAY HIGH LEAD LEVELS CAN ACTUALLY HAVE DELAYED
17 LEARNING, LEARNING DISABILITIES, AS WELL AS BEHAVIORAL ISSUES.
18 SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE IDENTIFY THAT SO THAT'S NOTHING
19 THAT WILL PERSIST FOR THEM AS THEY MATURE AND GO INTO ADULT
20 LIFE. PATIENTS WHO COME IN HERE WHO WE'RE CURRENTLY SEEING OR
21 WILL SEE AS A RESULT OF THE OUTREACH WILL HAVE THEIR MEDICAL
22 RECORDS IN OUR COMPUTER. PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS
23 THE RESULTS OF THEIR LABORATORY TESTS. THEY'LL BE ABLE TO SEE
24 IF PATIENTS HAVE BEEN SEEN HERE AND SCREENED AND TREATED AND
25 REFERRED FOR LEAD INTOXICATION. SO, IT'S GOING TO REALLY HELP

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1 DECREASE DUPLICATION, BECAUSE THEN PUBLIC HEALTH IS NOT GOING
2 TO FEEL LIKE THEY HAVE TO GO AND DO SOMETHING TO BE ABLE TO
3 TREAT. WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF IT. AND VICE VERSA. IT'S
4 IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
5 HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
6 SERVICES ARE REALLY ALL IN THE SAME BUSINESS, AND THAT'S
7 TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS, TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE, TAKING CARE OF
8 CLIENTS. [VIDEO ENDS.]

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM OUR
11 AGENCIES NOW THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROGRESS OF THIS
12 EVALUATION AND MONITORING. AND I WANT TO, AGAIN, JUST
13 REITERATE JUST HOW THANKFUL THE RESIDENTS THAT I REPRESENT ARE
14 FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND WORK. AND I THINK THE STAFF WILL BE --
15 BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO KNOW HOW RAPID OUR
16 RESPONSE HAS BEEN TO CONSTITUENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS A
17 MODEL, I THINK, THAT ISN'T ALWAYS REPLICATED BY OTHER AGENCIES
18 ACROSS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE. BUT CERTAINLY
19 MAYBE LESSONS CAN BE LEARNED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
20 SO, WITH THAT, PLEASE START YOUR PRESENTATION, MS. HARDING.

21

22 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANK YOU TO
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GIVING US TIME ON THE AGENDA TO
24 TALK ABOUT THE WORK WE ARE DOING. I THINK THAT VIDEO IS A
25 REALLY NICE EXAMPLE OF SHOWING THE HEALTH AGENCY IN ACTION AND

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1 SHOWING OUR ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS, ON
2 BEHALF OF PATIENTS, BUT ALSO ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITIES, THE
3 WORK THAT WE'RE DOING TOGETHER. I'M HERE TODAY WITH ANGELO
4 BELLOMO, WHO IS OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH PROTECTION FOR
5 DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO GET
6 THE PRESENTATION UP ON THE SCREEN. SO, THIS IS OUR SECOND
7 REPORT. AND AS I MENTIONED, OUR FIRST REPORT, THERE ARE THREE
8 AREAS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT IS FOCUSING ON, AND NOT ONLY OUR
9 DEPARTMENT, THE ENTIRE HEALTH AGENCY. IT'S THE RAPID
10 ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIALLY IMPACTED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES,
11 DEMONSTRATING THAT RAPID METHODOLOGY AND HOW THAT CAN MAKE A
12 DIFFERENCE, ADDRESSING THE HEALTH NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN THESE
13 COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE EXIDE PLANT, AND ADVOCATING FOR
14 GREATER STATE URGENCY IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. AS YOU CAN SEE
15 ON THIS MAP UP HERE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH
16 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL, AT YOUR BOARD'S
17 REQUEST, AND I THINK AT YOUR BOARD'S FRUSTRATION WITH THE PACE
18 AT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL WAS
19 CARRYING OUT THOSE SOIL ASSESSMENTS. YOU ASKED US TO GO INTO
20 THE FIELD AND IMPLEMENT A RAPID METHODOLOGY, AND WE WERE ABLE
21 TO DO SO IN THE COMMUNITIES ON THE SCREEN, AREAS OF EAST LOS
22 ANGELES, COMMERCE AND MAYWOOD. BUT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN
23 COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT STEPPING ON EACH OTHER'S TOES AND
25 THAT WE'RE DOING THIS IN A COLLABORATIVE AND COORDINATED

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1 FASHION. LET'S SEE IF I CAN MAKE THIS MOVE FORWARD. OKAY. SO,
2 WE CONDUCTED RAPID SOIL TESTING. WE DEPLOYED TWELVE THREE-
3 PERSON TEAMS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. AND WE DID A NUMBER OF
4 THINGS TO BE ABLE TO ASSESS PROPERTIES MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN
5 HAD BEEN DONE BEFORE. WE ACTUALLY ASSESSED 500 PROPERTIES IN
6 UNDER TWO WEEKS. AND JUST AS A COMPARISON, EXIDE HAD EMPLOYED
7 A CONTRACTOR EARLY ON USING TRADITIONAL METHODS. THEY ASSESSED
8 50 HOMES IN ABOUT 2-1/2 MONTHS. D.T.S.C.'S CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN
9 ASSESSING ABOUT 50 HOMES IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WE DID 50 HOMES A
10 DAY. THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE. AND IT WAS BECAUSE WE DEPLOYED
11 ENOUGH RESOURCES OUT IN THE FIELD, THESE THREE-PERSON TEAMS
12 THAT WERE WORKING, WE USED SPECIAL METHODOLOGY SO WE COULD DO
13 TESTING IN THE FIELD, GET READINGS IN THE FIELD, AS OPPOSED TO
14 HAVING TO GO TO A LABORATORY, WHICH TAKES TIME TO GET THE
15 RESULTS. WE ALSO DID A LOT OF WORK UP FRONT TO MAKE SURE THAT
16 WE HAD ACCESS AGREEMENTS. WE USED BILINGUAL, BICULTURAL STAFF
17 TO DO OUTREACH AND TO PROVIDE ANSWERS AND GET COMMUNITY
18 RESIDENTS TO ALLOW US ACCESS TO DO THE SOIL SAMPLING. AND THEN
19 WE DID A LOT OF WORK IN ADVANCE TO DO THAT, AND THEN AGAIN,
20 THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE FIELD THAT MADE THIS GO MORE QUICKLY. I
21 THINK THE OTHER AREA THAT WE DID TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD DO
22 THIS RAPID PACE WAS TO HAVE A CONTROL COMMUNICATION TEAM IN
23 THE FIELD THAT HELPED TROUBLESHOOT THINGS SO THAT WE WERE
24 CONSTANTLY SUPPORTING OUR WORKERS IN THE FIELD, AS WELL. THIS
25 SLIDE HERE PROVIDES THE RESULTS OF THE SOIL TESTING. THERE

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1 WERE 45 HOMES, OR 9 PERCENT OF THE HOMES, WITH A LEAD LEVEL IN
2 SOIL ABOVE A THOUSAND PARTS PER MILLION, WHICH IS CATEGORIZED
3 AS HAZARDOUS WASTE. THERE WERE ABOUT 179, OR ALMOST 36 PERCENT
4 OF THE HOMES, BETWEEN 400 AND 999 PARTS PER MILLION OF LEAD.
5 AND THEN THERE WAS A LITTLE OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE HOMES THAT
6 WERE IN BETWEEN 80 PARTS PER MILLION OF SOIL AND 309 PARTS PER
7 MILLION OF SOIL. THERE WERE 8 HOMES THAT -- FOUR OF THEM WHICH
8 HAD NO SOIL, SO THERE WILL BE NO CLEANUP NECESSARY THERE, AND
9 THEN ANOTHER FOUR HOMES WHERE THE LEAD LEVELS WERE BELOW 80
10 PARTS PER MILLION. AFTER DOING THE SOIL SAMPLING, THE NEXT
11 DAY, WE PROVIDED RESIDENTS WITH THEIR RESULTS. WE DEPLOYED
12 TEAMS OUT IN THE FIELD, AND 83 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS
13 RECEIVED THEIR RESULTS THE NEXT DAY, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL
14 INFORMATION AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAD ABOUT HOW TO
15 ACCESS HEALTHCARE SERVICES OR OTHER INFORMATION.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT WAS THAT? YOU SAID 83 PERCENT.
18 WHAT WERE SOME OF THE REASONS FOR PEOPLE NOT RESPONDING OR
19 GETTING THE INFORMATION?

20

21 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SO 17 PERCENT OF THE HOUSEHOLDS, WE DID
22 MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS BUT NOBODY WAS HOME. SO WE ENDED UP LEAVING
23 PACKETS OF INFORMATION. WE MADE MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS, THOUGH, TO
24 TRY TO REACH PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND GIVE THEM THE
25 INFORMATION DIRECTLY.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WILL ANYONE GO BACK TO THEM, TO
3 THAT 17 PERCENT, JUST TO MAKE SURE?

4

5 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WE COULD AT THIS POINT, YES.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH. OKAY, THANK YOU.

8

9 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YOU ALSO, AT OUR LAST BRIEFING TO THE BOARD,
10 ASKED US TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER FOR
11 JUVENILE PROBATION, THE CAMP. AS I UNDERSTAND, WE DID SOIL
12 TESTING THERE LAST WEEK, AND WE SHOULD HAVE THE RESULTS ON
13 THAT NEXT WEEK. AND THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR NEXT REPORT TO
14 THE BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ..AREN'T AWARE, THAT PARTICULAR CAMP
17 IS RIGHT -- BUTTS UP AGAINST CITY OF COMMERCE AND IT HAS BEEN
18 THERE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND IT IS ADJACENT TO A
19 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK RUN BY ONE OF THE CITIES. AND WHILE WE WERE
20 OUT THERE, I WAS VISITING WHEN THEY WERE DOING THEIR
21 INSPECTIONS, I JUST CAUGHT MY ATTENTION THAT KIRBY WAS RIGHT
22 THERE AND HOW MANY PEOPLE MAY HAVE BEEN IMPACTED, ESPECIALLY
23 EMPLOYEES. SO I THINK I HAD MY STAFF RAISE THAT ISSUE, AS
24 WELL, TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PATTERNS HAVE BEEN THERE IN TERMS
25 OF OUR EMPLOYEES OVER THE COURSE OF MAYBE TWO DECADES.

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2 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND WE'LL REPORT
3 BACK ON THAT. SO IN ADDITION TO THE SOIL TESTING, WE'VE ALSO
4 BEEN DOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION. WE MADE SURE THAT
5 IN THOSE 45 HOMES THAT HAD HAZARDOUS WASTE LEVELS OF LEAD IN
6 THEIR SOIL, THAT WE HAD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES GO OUT TO EVERY
7 SINGLE ONE OF THOSE HOUSEHOLDS AND SPEAK WITH THOSE FAMILIES.
8 AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT WORK AS THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL IS CONTINUING TO SAMPLE HOMES IN
10 THE AREA. WHEN THEY FIND HOMES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD, WE
11 WILL DEPLOY OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES OUT TO SPEAK TO THOSE
12 FAMILIES AND TO PROVIDE THEM INFORMATION ON RISK REDUCTION AND
13 BLOOD LEAD TESTING AND LINKING THEM TO OTHER HEALTHCARE
14 RESOURCES THEY MAY NEED. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS
15 BEEN DEPLOYING THE PROMOTORAS, AND THEY ARE WORKING TO GET
16 ADDITIONAL ACCESS AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS PROVIDING INFORMATION
17 IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, OTHER HEALTH
18 RESOURCES. THEY ARE GOING TO HEALTH FAIRS, TO SCHOOLS, TO
19 OTHER MEETINGS, ENGAGING WITH RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO
20 GET THEM INFORMED AND PROVIDE THEM INFORMATION ABOUT THE
21 EFFORTS THAT WE'RE DOING. D.H.S. HAS BEEN MADE SURE THAT ALL
22 OF OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ARE EQUIPPED AND READY TO
23 ACCEPT PATIENTS THAT MAY BE REFERRED THROUGH THIS PROCESS. AND
24 SO, THEY'RE AN ACTIVE PARTNER WITH US, AS WELL. AND THEN WE'RE
25 GOING TO BE MAILING TO ALL 10,000 RESIDENTS AN INFORMATION

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1 PACKAGE ABOUT THE SOIL SAMPLING, ABOUT LEAD POISONING, ABOUT
2 INFORMATION ABOUT STRESS AND CANCER AND OTHER THINGS THAT IS
3 GOING TO BE MAILED OUT TO EVERYONE. AND THAT SHOULD BE DONE NO
4 LATER THAN THE END OF THIS MONTH. AS PART OF PUBLIC HEALTH
5 WEEK LAST WEEK, WE DID TWO COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIRS IN THE AREA
6 SURROUNDING EXIDE -- LET'S SEE, IT'S NOT MOVING FORWARD..
7 THERE WE GO -- IN BELL GARDENS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
8 MONTEBELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE DID A HEALTH FAIR THERE WITH
9 BLOOD LEAD TESTING AND HEALTH SCREENINGS AND HEALTH EDUCATION.
10 ON SATURDAY, LAST SATURDAY AT THE EAST L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH
11 LIBRARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN, AGAIN WE
12 HAD HEALTH SCREENINGS AND REFERRED PEOPLE TO OUR ROYBAL CLINIC
13 FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES. BOTH DAYS, UNFORTUNATELY, IT RAINED,
14 SO THERE WAS LESS ATTENDANCE THAN WE WOULD HAVE LIKED. BUT WE
15 WERE VERY PLEASED BY THE STAFF THAT WERE OUT THERE AND THOSE
16 THAT DID ATTEND.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WILL YOU GO BACK OUT AGAIN, THEN..
19

20 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** ABSOLUTELY.
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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ..BECAUSE IT DID RAIN, AND WE ONLY
23 HAD A VERY HANDFUL OF PEOPLE SHOW UP.
24

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1 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** ABSOLUTELY. WE'D BE HAPPY TO COLLABORATE WITH
2 OTHERS TO SET UP EVENTS LIKE THIS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
3 COMMUNITY GETS ACCESS TO INFORMATION. AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES THAT JOINED US AND
5 HAD BOOTHS AND INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO ACCESS HEALTHCARE AND
6 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE. A LITTLE BIT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY.
7 THERE ARE -- AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR HAD RECOMMENDED 177
8 MILLION GO TO D.T.S.C.'S BUDGET TO FUND THE CLEANUP AND
9 ASSESSMENT. AND THERE ARE TWO VEHICLES: S.B. 93, WHICH WOULD
10 LOAN 176 MILLION TO -- FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO D.T.S.C. TO
11 FUND THE CLEANUP WITH THEM GOING AFTER THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
12 TO GET THE FUNDING, AND THEN A.B. 118, WHICH WOULD ALLOCATE
13 THAT FUNDING TO D.T.S.C.'S BUDGET. THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN A
14 SUPPORT POSITION ON BOTH THOSE BILLS, AND OUR ADVOCATES IN
15 SACRAMENTO ARE WORKING TO SUPPORT THAT FUNDING. I WAS THERE UP
16 LAST WEEK TESTIFYING IN ONE OF THE HEARINGS ABOUT BOTH S.B. 93
17 AND A.B. 118 AND WE HOPE TO HEAR A FINAL STATUS ON THEM BY
18 THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. AND THEN WITH THAT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
19 BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY ALONG WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE HEALTH
20 AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
21 HEALTH, AND THE PHENOMENAL WORK THEIR PROMOTORAS ARE DOING. WE
22 ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO EDUCATE, PROVIDE EDUCATION TO THE
23 COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE OUT
24 THERE ALSO ADVOCATING STRONGLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THIS
25 COMMUNITY CLEANED UP AND WE GET RESOURCES TO THIS COMMUNITY AS

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1 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE MONTHLY
2 UPDATES TO YOUR BOARD. AND WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
3 QUESTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DR. BELLOMO, DO YOU WANT TO ADD
6 ANYTHING TO THAT?

7

8 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** NO, I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH COVERS IT. THANK
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO SAY,
12 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR RAPID RESPONSE. YOU'RE NIMBLE,
13 YOU'RE RIGHT ON POINT, AND YOU'VE BEEN STRATEGIC. AND I KNOW
14 THAT YOU MENTIONED PROTOCOLS THAT HAVE BEEN SET IN PLACE WITH
15 THE STATE D.T.S.C., BUT HOW HAVE THEY REALLY BEGUN TO, SAY,
16 INTERNALIZE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO? HOW
17 HAVE THEY BEEN ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN FUNCTION, AND WHERE
18 ARE WE WITH THAT?

19

20 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. WE, YOU KNOW,
21 WE HAVE BEGUN MEETING WITH THEM ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO SHARE
22 INFORMATION AND TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE WORKING IN
23 COORDINATION. WE'RE SETTING UP A MEETING WITH DIRECTOR BARBARA
24 LEE SO THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT WE LEARNED IN DOING THIS RAPID
25 ASSESSMENT, HOW THIS COULD BE EMPLOYED MORE BROADLY IN THE

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1 COMMUNITY. AND WE WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO ADOPT THE
2 METHODOLOGY THAT WE USED.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT.
5 AND AS YOU CONTINUE TO DO POSSIBLY MORE TESTING, I'M CERTAIN
6 IT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SOME OF THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO
7 UNDERSTAND AND ACTUALLY SEE WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ON THE
8 GROUND, SO THEY HAVE -- I MEAN, A PICTURE PAINTS OF SO MANY
9 MESSAGES WHEN YOU SEE THE ACTUAL TEAM ON THE GROUND. I SAW THE
10 CONTRACTORS THAT D.T.S.C. HIRED AND SAW THE WAY THAT THEY WERE
11 HANDLING THE SOIL AND DIDN'T PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO
12 THE FAMILIES AND HEARD BACK FROM THE FAMILIES SAYING THAT THEY
13 DIDN'T REALIZE THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE SUCH AN EXTENSIVE
14 EVACUATION OF THEIR YARD, THEIR PROPERTY. AND, FURTHERMORE,
15 THEY WEREN'T TOLD THAT WHILE THEY'RE LIVING THERE, THAT THEY
16 SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT ANY ENTRYWAYS WHERE YOUNG CHILDREN OR
17 PEOPLE WOULD BE COMING IN AND OUT WHERE THIS SOIL WAS BEING
18 DISTURBED. AND I WAS VERY, VERY CONCERNED ALSO THAT SOME OF
19 THE PEOPLE THAT HAD TO HAVE THEIR HOMES CLEANED BECAUSE OF
20 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THEY WERE NOT TOLD THAT THEY
21 COULD POSSIBLY APPLY FOR SOME VOUCHERS FOR HOUSING. NOT
22 HOUSING, BUT JUST TEMPORARILY WHILE THEIR HOUSES WERE BEING
23 CLEANED. AND, AGAIN, I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT THE D.T.S.C.
24 REALLY HAS TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE NEEDS ARE OF THIS
25 COMMUNITY AND THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE SUFFERED

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1 ALREADY ENOUGH AND THAT THEY REALLY DO NEED TO PAY ATTENTION.
2 I REALIZE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS WORKING WITH US, BUT,
3 AGAIN, I JUST FEEL THAT THEY ARE NOT LISTENING TO THE ACTUAL
4 VOICES ON THE GROUND. AND WHAT BETTER EXAMPLES THAN WHAT THE
5 COUNTY HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO DO? SO, AGAIN, I JUST THINK THAT
6 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE MADE CLEAR. I'M ALSO VERY
7 CONCERNED THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE HEALTHCARE
8 INFORMATION THAT CAN BE PROVIDED, READILY AVAILABLE, TO OUR
9 RESIDENTS THERE. AND I'M TALKING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT A
10 NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND UNION PACIFIC, AROUND THAT THOROUGHFARE
11 THERE WHERE THERE ARE THE HIGHER LEVELS OF LEAD, AND WONDERING
12 IF WE CAN HAVE STAFF MAYBE DEPLOYED OR HAVE A SITE ON MAYBE
13 ONE OF OUR ADJACENT COMMUNITY CENTERS THERE THAT -- THROUGH
14 THE Y, THE Y.M.C.A., OR PERHAPS SOMETHING THAT THE FOLKS FROM
15 YOUR DEPARTMENTS CAN LOOK AT SO THAT THIS INFORMATION IS
16 PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY ON A DAILY BASIS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE
17 MANY PARENTS AND FOLKS THAT WORK THAT AREN'T AVAILABLE TO COME
18 TO GET INFORMATION UNTIL AFTER 5 OR 6 AT NIGHT AND MAYBE
19 WEEKENDS. BUT WHERE CAN WE PLAY A ROLE BECAUSE OF OUR SAFETY
20 NET REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF ACCESS? SO IS THERE
21 SOMETHING THAT PERHAPS YOU CAN COME BACK TO US ON TO HELP
22 REMEDY THAT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD MORE OF. I GET
23 CALLS ABOUT, WHERE DO I GET MORE TESTING DONE, WHERE CAN I GET
24 INFORMATION FOR WHAT THIS MEANS FOR MY CHILDREN MOVING
25 FORWARD?

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2 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR. WE'LL MAKE SURE TO
3 INCLUDE THAT IN OUR NEXT REPORT. BUT WE'LL GET ON THAT RIGHT
4 AWAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'VE GOT RESOURCES, THAT WE GET THAT
5 INFORMATION BACK TO YOU IN YOUR FIELD OFFICES SO THEY KNOW
6 WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO TO GET SERVICES. FREE LEAD BLOOD TESTING
7 IS AVAILABLE, AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW WHERE TO GO
8 TO GET THAT AND TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHERE THEY CAN GET
9 HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AND WE'LL GET THAT. ALL OF OUR D.H.S.
10 SITES ARE AVAILABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE COME THERE, AND THAT'S BEEN
11 THEIR CONTRIBUTION AS PART OF THE AGENCY. BUT WE'LL GET MORE
12 INFORMATION OUT TO YOU. AND WE'LL ALSO REACH OUT TO THE
13 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ON THIS, AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND THE
16 DEPARTMENT FOR UTILIZING THE PROMOTORAS. THEY ARE HEALTHCARE
17 NAVIGATORS THAT REALLY CAN PROVIDE THAT TRUST. AND YOU SAW THE
18 RELATIONSHIP RIGHT THERE ON THE VIDEO THAT THEY BRING. THEY
19 INSTILL THAT TRUST. IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
20 RELUCTANT TO COME FORWARD AND JUST SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN
21 EXPERIENCING, OR MAYBE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEIR CHILDREN
22 HAVE BEEN ILL OR WHY THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING SICK AND WHY THEY
23 HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THIS CONTAMINANT THAT HAS VERY HARSH,
24 DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON THEIR LIVES. SO I DO WANT TO SAY THANK
25 YOU. I WANT TO THANK OUR C.E.O. AGAIN AND OUR PUBLIC

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1 INFORMATION OFFICE FOR DOING A GREAT JOB AND GETTING THIS
2 INFORMATION. I REALLY, IN MY OPINION, WE OUGHT TO GET SOME
3 KIND OF AN AWARD IN TERMS OF WHAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE ON THIS
4 EFFORT, BECAUSE I FEEL AS THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN THE DAVID AND
5 GOLIATH. WE'RE DAVID, AND WE'RE UP AGAINST SOME VERY BIG, AS I
6 WOULD -- LOBBYING GUNS UP THERE. AND IT JUST SHOWS YOU THAT
7 TENACITY ON THE PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE BOARD AND
8 OBVIOUSLY OUR STAFF CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUT WE STILL HAVE A
9 WAYS TO GO. I DO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT. THERE'S STILL A LOT
10 MORE THAT HAS TO BE DONE. AND I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE QUESTIONS.
11 YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, YOU
14 CAN GIVE EVERYBODY CREDIT, BUT I THINK WE ALSO WANT TO GIVE
15 YOU A LOT OF CREDIT. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN ELEVATED INTO THE
16 PUBLIC'S CONSCIOUSNESS, INTO THE COUNTY'S CONSCIOUSNESS,
17 D.T.S.C., WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSCIOUS ABOUT IT, BUT, YOU
18 KNOW, FURTHER HARASSING THEM, AND I MEAN THAT IN THE VERY BEST
19 SENSE. YOU'VE REALLY BEEN A HERO IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN. I FEEL
20 REALLY DEPRESSED, KIND OF, TODAY, BECAUSE OF HOW -- I WAS
21 THINKING ABOUT IT IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET, AS WELL, IN TERMS OF
22 SOCIAL GAS, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET BOEING TO
23 DO AROUND SANTA SUSANA FOR DECADES. IT'S KIND OF LIKE PRIVATE
24 INDUSTRY CREATES A MESS AND THE COUNTY HAS TO CLEAN IT UP. I
25 DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS. 44,000 HOMELESS ON THE STREET. A LOT OF

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1 IT HAS TO DO WITH, YOU KNOW, ESCALATING RENTS. WE'LL TALK
2 ABOUT THIS LATER. THE COUNTY HAS TO CLEAN IT UP. AND WITH THE
3 SAME MONEY THAT WE HAVE. IT'S KIND OF LIKE, WELL, WHERE'S THE
4 MONEY COMING FROM? WELL, IT'S IN THE BUDGET. WE PROBABLY NEED
5 MORE. OH, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU ANY MORE. DO IT WITH
6 WHAT YOU HAVE. SO I THINK I'M FEELING A LITTLE FEISTY ABOUT IT
7 TODAY, I GUESS, BUT ALSO SAD FOR US THAT AMONG ALL OF THE
8 VARIOUS ENTITIES IN SOCIETY, THAT GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS LEAST
9 THOUGHT OF THESE DAYS, IS THE ONE TO WHOM WE ALLOCATE CLEANING
10 IT UP, WHATEVER IT IS. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE WORK OF THE
11 THREE DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER IN AGENCY FASHION, THE
12 RECOGNITION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS IS EXTREMELY
13 IMPORTANT. MY QUESTION, THOUGH, IS, HONESTLY, HERE I AM. I'VE
14 GOT THREE KIDS. I'M LIVING IN THE AREA. YOU COME TO MY HOUSE
15 AND YOU SAY, "YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MIGHT BE IN DANGER. WE'RE
16 GOING TO TEST THE SOIL, PERHAPS DOWN THE LINE TEST THE INSIDE
17 OF THE HOUSE," AND WE SAY TO YOU, "YOU KNOW, IT'S TOXIC HERE,
18 AND WE'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO TEST YOUR KIDS, AS WELL." SO YOU
19 TEST MY KIDS AND THEY SHOW SOME ELEVATION IN LEAD LEVELS IN
20 THE BLOOD. DO I REALLY HAVE HEALTH OPTIONS?

21

22 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I'D SAY, YES, YOU DO. I MEAN, SO, YES, WE
23 WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE KIDS ARE IN TREATMENT. IT'S WHAT WE DO
24 WITH OUR CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM. WE
25 FOLLOW THOSE KIDS AND MAKE SURE THE BLOOD LEAD LEVEL COMES

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1 DOWN. WE WORK WITH THEM ON THAT. WE PROVIDE EDUCATION TO THEM
2 ABOUT RISK REDUCTION. SO, YES, THERE'S A HIGH LEVEL IN YOUR
3 SOIL. IT DOESN'T MEAN NECESSARILY YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR
4 KIDS LEAD POISONED. LET'S SHOW YOU HOW TO PROTECT THEM SO THEY
5 DON'T GET LEAD POISONED. LET'S MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS TESTED
6 SO WE KNOW WHAT YOUR STATUS IS ON THIS AND THAT WE WORK WITH
7 YOUR PHYSICIAN TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK THAT HOPEFUL AND INSTRUCTIVE
10 APPROACH IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE PEOPLE,
11 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE LOW-INCOME, TEND TO FEEL KIND OF --
12 I MEAN, THEY'RE BATTERED DOWN. THEY'RE AT A SURVIVAL LEVEL IN
13 A LOT OF WAYS AND NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO. AND THE MORE WE CAN
14 DO TO TELL THEM THERE IS SOMETHING TO DO -- YOU KNOW, WE
15 STARTED THIS BACK WITH THE LEAD PAINT ISSUES WHERE KIDS' LEAD
16 LEVEL IN THEIR BLOOD WAS ELEVATED BY IF THEY LIVED ANYWHERE
17 THAT HAD BEEN PAINTED BEFORE 1978, WHICH IS A LOT OF PLACES IN
18 L.A. SO FORTUNATELY WE ALREADY HAD SOME RESEARCH, I THINK, TO
19 HELP US WITH THAT ISSUE IN TERMS OF CHILDREN. SO I'M ALSO VERY
20 GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENTS, AND D.P.S.S., WHO IS TRYING TO
21 SIGN PEOPLE UP SO THEY CAN GET MEDICAL TREATMENT. AND I THINK
22 WE'VE ALL PLEDGED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN IN SACRAMENTO TO
23 LIGHT A FIRE, IF POSSIBLE, NO PUN INTENDED, UNDER D.T.S.C. AND
24 I THINK WE HAVE TO JUST KEEP PUSHING. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH
25 FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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2 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST BRIEFLY IN SPANISH.

5 [SPEAKING IN SPANISH.] SO I JUST BRIEFLY SAID THANK YOU TO

6 THEM, TO THE COMMUNITY FOR ACTUALLY BEING THE FOLKS THAT HAVE

7 LED US DOWN THIS PATH. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE SOME

8 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. ARNOLD SACHS AND DR. GENEVIEVE

9 CLAVREUL.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS,

12 AND A TREMENDOUS PRESENTATION. SO THIS HAS ALL HAPPENED SINCE

13 THE PLANT CLOSED. BUT WHILE THE PLANT WAS OPEN, WHILE THE

14 JUVENILE CAMP, 20 YEARS, ANY OF THESE TESTS DONE THEN? ANY OF

15 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AGENCIES GOING OUT TO CHECK? NO. 1978.

16 RESEARCH ON HOUSES WITH LEAD PAINT, ANY TREATMENT ON THOSE

17 HOUSES WITH LEAD PAINT? BECAUSE NEWS ARTICLES HAVE SAID THAT

18 EXIDE IS SAYING THAT HOUSES WITH LEAD PAINT IS ONE OF THE

19 REASONS WHY PEOPLE HAVE ELEVATED LEVELS OF LEAD. WITH ALL THE

20 STATE LEGISLATORS THAT HAVE BEEN IN GOVERNMENT LOCALLY, I MEAN

21 WE HAD VILLARAIGOSA AS THE HEAD OF THE STATE LEGISLATION AND

22 WE HAD HERB WESSON AS HEAD OF STATE LEGISLATION, WE'VE HAD

23 HENRY "WHACK-MAN," WHO WAS A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS WHO

24 WAS AN ENVIRONMENTALIST, NOTHING. 30 YEARS AND EXIDE WAS JUST

25 ROLLING DOWN THE HILL. HOUSING VOUCHERS, YOU MENTIONED, HILDA

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1 SOLIS, HOUSING VOUCHERS. HOW MANY HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUT AND HOW
2 MANY WERE GIVEN OUT WHEN THEY WERE -- WHEN ALL THESE PLANTS
3 WERE GOING ON? WE HAVE HAD SECOND AND THIRD GENERATIONS OF
4 CHILDREN WHO HAVE LIVED WITH THIS SITUATION, AND NOBODY FROM
5 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOOK CAUSE TO GO OUT AND CHECK THIS OUT.
6 IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. YOU'VE MENTIONED WHERE THE MONEY IS
7 COMING FROM. WHERE IS IT GOING? YOU MENTIONED THE BUDGET IS
8 INCREASED, LIKE SINCE I'VE BEEN COMING HERE, IT'S INCREASED
9 ALMOST \$4 BILLION. MAYBE WE SHOULD DO ANOTHER RECLASSIFICATION
10 OF PERSONNEL AND SEE HOW THAT WORKS OUT. AND THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT WITH EXIDE, DID THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
12 WITH THE OPENING UP THE DOORS FOR ANY OF THIS TREATMENT?
13 NOBODY MENTIONED HAD. SO THERE'S NO LIABILITY FROM ANYBODY
14 FROM EXIDE. IT'S A STATE PROBLEM. IT WOULD BE REALLY WONDERFUL
15 IF SOME OF THESE THINGS WERE ALSO PRESENTED. AND THE AWARD,
16 BACK IN THE DAY, LAUGH IN USED TO GIVE OUT A FICKLE FINGER OF
17 FATE. I THINK JUST A FINGER WOULD WORK.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
20 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF WE HAVE SOME
21 MONEY IN RESERVE TO TREAT SOME OF THE -- ESPECIALLY THE
22 CHILDREN WHO GOT EXPOSED TO THE LEAD, AND ESPECIALLY THE ONE
23 WHERE IT'S POSED TO A POINT WHERE THEY'RE HAVING LEARNING
24 DISABILITY AND SO ON, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAIN, YOU KNOW, SIDE
25 EFFECTS OF LEAD. I HAVE NOT HEARD, YOU KNOW, ANYBODY TALKING

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1 ABOUT THAT. AND I HOPE THAT WE CONTINUE TO DRAW THE BLOOD ON
2 THOSE CHILDREN FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO SEE HOW LONG IT'S
3 STAYING IN AND IF THEY ARE EXPOSED EVEN MORE. ALSO IF SOME
4 CONSTRUCTION HAPPENED IN THAT AREA, WHAT KIND OF TESTING ARE
5 YOU GOING TO REQUIRE TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NOT ANY LEAD ANY
6 DEEPER THAN THE SURFACE? THAT'S ALL.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THIS IS A RECEIVE
9 AND FILE, SO WITHOUT ANY OBJECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
10 THE PRESENTATION. I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH. HE HAS JOINED US, AND HE HAS THE PRESENTATION FOR
12 US THIS MORNING.

13

14 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS LITTLE RALPHY, WHO IS WEARING
15 JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL COLORS, BLUE ON BLUE. HE'S ONE YEAR.
16 HE'S A MALTESE, 1 YEAR AND 8 MONTHS OLD, LOOKING FOR A HOME.
17 CALL 562-256-1649, AND HE'LL MAKE A LOVING PET FOR YOU. GO,
18 RALPHY. GO, RALPHY. GO, RALPHY. OKAY. GO, MARSHALL BARRISTER.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. OKAY, WITH
21 THAT I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE GOING TO TURN TO OUR BUDGET. THAT'S
22 ITEM NO. 50, AND WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI.

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1 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD. GOOD AFTERNOON. SO LET ME START FIRST BY SAYING LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY FACES DIFFICULT CHALLENGES IN LIFTING THE
4 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. THIS RECOMMENDED
5 BUDGET REFLECTS OUR DETERMINATION TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IMPORTANT
6 RESPONSIBILITY TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE. IN JUST A MOMENT, I
7 THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO PULL UP OUR POWERPOINT SLIDE
8 PRESENTATION. OKAY. SO, TODAY I'M PRESENTING THE 2016/17
9 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE COUNTY'S
10 ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS, AS PRESCRIBED IN STATE LAW. THIS YEAR'S
11 RECOMMENDED BUDGET BUILDS UPON THE REFORMS THAT WERE INCLUDED
12 IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WITH A FOCUS ON JAIL REFORMS, CHILD
13 PROTECTION AND HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE ALSO ALLOCATING FUNDING TO
14 SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
15 WE ARE ALSO, ONCE AGAIN, CHALLENGED BY THE DEMAND FOR COUNTY
16 SERVICES THAT FAR EXCEEDS THE AVAILABLE FINANCING SOURCES.
17 TODAY'S BUDGET IS A BALANCE BETWEEN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES
18 TO COUNTY RESIDENTS AND THE COUNTY'S FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY.
19 THIS BUDGET REAFFIRMS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' LONG-STANDING
20 COMMITMENT TO A CONSERVATIVE BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICIES GIVEN
21 THE COUNTY'S LIMITED AUTHORITY TO RAISE TAXES. THE 2016/17
22 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AGAIN TOTALS 28.5 BILLION. THIS REFLECTS A
23 \$282 MILLION INCREASE WHEN COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR'S
24 BUDGET. THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR THIS BUDGET PERIOD REMAINS
25 POSITIVE AS THE HOUSING MARKET CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

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1 OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY, AS IT IS OUR
2 LARGEST SOURCE OF DISCRETIONARY REVENUE. AT THIS POINT IN THE
3 BUDGET PROCESS, WE ARE FORECASTING THE ASSESSED VALUATION WILL
4 INCREASE BY 5 PERCENT. THIS INCREASE IS PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY
5 THE EXPECTED TRANSFERS OF PROPERTIES, WHICH UNDER PROPOSITION
6 13 ALLOWS FOR THE REASSESSMENT OF PROPERTIES UP TO THE CURRENT
7 MARKET VALUE. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT REVENUES RELATED TO SALES
8 TAX WILL GROW BY 4-PERCENT INCREASE DURING FISCAL YEAR
9 2016/17. WHILE THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IS POSITIVE, THE
10 INSTABILITY IN THE GLOBAL MARKETS AND DECLINING OIL PRICES
11 HAVE CREATED UNCERTAINTIES OVER MANUFACTURING, EXPORTS, AND IN
12 THE FINANCIAL MARKETS. FINALLY, WE MUST REMAIN MINDFUL THAT
13 THE CURRENT ECONOMIC EXPANSION WILL EVENTUALLY GIVE WAY TO
14 ANOTHER ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. ON SLIDE 4, THE 2016/17 RECOMMENDED
15 BUDGET AGAIN IS \$28.5 BILLION AND HAS 108,309 BUDGETED
16 POSITIONS. THIS REFLECTS A \$282 MILLION INCREASE AND 216
17 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, WHICH REPRESENTS
18 APPROXIMATELY A 1-PERCENT INCREASE. \$23.7 BILLION, OR
19 APPROXIMATELY 83 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET, GOES TOWARDS HEALTH,
20 PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. TODAY'S BUDGET AIMS
21 TO ADVANCE MANY KEY PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
22 THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET PROVIDES CONTINUED FUNDING AND, IN MANY
23 CASES, ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES. I
24 WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT EACH OF THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES
25 THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION. SO WE'LL BEGIN WITH HOMELESS AND

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1 HOUSING INITIATIVES. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT WE
2 ARE FACING TODAY AS A COUNTY IS THAT OF HOMELESSNESS. THE
3 RECOMMENDED BUDGET CONTINUES WITH \$98.7 MILLION IN DEDICATED
4 FUNDING FOR HOMELESS INITIATIVES THAT WERE PART OF THE
5 RECENTLY ADOPTED STRATEGIES INTENDED TO REDUCE THE LOCAL
6 HOMELESS POPULATION. THE BUDGET ALSO CONTINUES TO INCLUDE
7 APPROXIMATELY \$1 BILLION ALREADY BEING SPENT TO PROVIDE
8 SERVICES TO HOMELESS SINGLE ADULTS BY SIX COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.
9 THIS YEAR WE ARE INCREASING THE ALLOCATION FOR THE HOUSING FOR
10 HEALTH INITIATIVE BY \$7.2 MILLION TO PROMOTE RAPID REHOUSING,
11 CASE MANAGEMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. THIS IMPORTANT
12 INITIATIVE REQUIRES ONGOING LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION, AND,
13 THEREFORE, THERE'S A RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF
14 HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THIS OFFICE,
15 UNDER MY LEADERSHIP, WILL OVERSEE, COORDINATE AND ENSURE THE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 47 HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES AND
17 WILL BE THE COUNTY'S CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR COORDINATING
18 WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WE CONTINUE TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS.
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED IN
21 RESPONSE TO FEDERAL AGREEMENTS AND DEMANDS FOR INCREASED
22 PUBLIC SCRUTINY. THE SHERIFF HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS
23 OVER THE PAST YEAR BUT CONTINUED COMPLIANCE AND FORWARD
24 PROGRESS WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT. AS PART OF THESE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN

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1 THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM, WE ARE PROVIDING THE SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$6.9 MILLION IN FUNDING. THIS
3 AMOUNT SUPPLEMENTS THE \$125 MILLION PROVIDED OVER THE LAST
4 THREE YEARS. A TOP PRIORITY FOR BOTH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
5 AND THE COUNTY IS TO ELIMINATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING. THAT IS WHY
6 WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$1.6 MILLION BE
7 PROVIDED TO THE SHERIFF ALONG WITH SIX POSITIONS SO THAT HE
8 HAS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK HE HAS DONE
9 IN THIS AREA. ANOTHER URGENT PRIORITY FOR THE SHERIFF IS TO
10 HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER WITH AROUND-THE-CLOCK
11 STAFFING. THE COUNTY SHERIFF IS THE ONLY MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
12 DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER IN THE NATION THAT DOES NOT HAVE
13 24-HOUR AND 7-DAY OPERATIONAL PRESENCE. DIVERSION AND RE-
14 ENTRY. THE BUDGET FOR DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY IS BEING
15 SUPPLEMENTED BY \$10.7 MILLION, WHICH BRINGS THE TOTAL BUDGET
16 UP TO 85 MILLION AS PART OF TODAY'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET. THIS
17 \$10.7 MILLION INCREASE IS OFFSET WITH PUBLIC-SAFETY
18 REALIGNMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS A.B. 109 REVENUE. TODAY'S BUDGET
19 ALLOCATES \$9 MILLION IN FUNDING TO OPEN AND OPERATE AN AROUND-
20 THE-CLOCK SOBERING CENTER, WHICH WILL SERVE 8,000 PEOPLE ON
21 SKID ROW. THIS ALSO INCLUDES FUNDING FOR INTERIM HOUSING,
22 RENTAL SUBSIDY, AND MOVE-IN ASSISTANCE COSTS. THE OFFICE OF
23 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY WILL PROVIDE CRISIS INTERVENTION
24 TRAINING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AIMED AT IMPROVING
25 TACTICS WHEN DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL AND THUS REDUCE THE

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1 USE OF FORCE. THIS FIRST-YEAR FUNDING IS PART OF A MULTI-YEAR
2 PLAN TO CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT TRAINING. THE HEALTH AGENCY.
3 IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FORMALLY
4 APPROVED THE INTEGRATION OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH
5 SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTO A SINGLE
6 HEALTH AGENCY. WHILE THE BUDGETS OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS
7 REMAIN SEPARATE, THE ASSOCIATION WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE
8 HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF THE RESIDENTS THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND
9 INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS. AS PART OF THE HEALTH
10 AGENCIES' EFFORTS TO INTEGRATED SERVICES, THE HEALTH
11 DEPARTMENT HAS EARMARKED \$2 MILLION TO EXPAND PATIENT-CENTERED
12 MEDICAL HOMES, INCLUDING TWO SITES TO BE COLLOCATED WITH
13 PUBLIC HEALTH. THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALSO ADDS \$900,000 FOR
14 FOUR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
15 WHO WILL OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED
16 CORRECTION HEALTH SERVICES PLAN. IN ADDITION TO THE LEADERSHIP
17 POSITION, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT AN ADDITIONAL POSITION BE
18 ADDED TO ASSIST INMATES WITH CARRYING OUT DISCHARGE AND
19 REENTRY PLANS. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS REQUESTING
20 THAT \$141.7 MILLION IN NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDING
21 BE ADDED TO THE BUDGET ALONG WITH 40 POSITIONS TO REFLECT
22 APPROVED M.H.S.A. PLANS. THIS INCREASE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
23 FUNDING FOR THE WELLNESS CENTERS, FIELD-BASED CLINICS, AND THE
24 EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS. CHILD
25 PROTECTION. THE BOARD'S EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM THE COUNTY'S

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1 CHILD SAFETY SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE CONTINUED SUPPORT TO
2 PRIORITIZE AND IMPROVE CHILD SAFETY THROUGH BETTER
3 COMMUNICATION, COORDINATION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACROSS
4 AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM. THE OFFICE
5 OF CHILD PROTECTION HAS BEEN CREATED, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
6 IS ON THE JOB, AND THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET EARMARKS 1.6 MILLION
7 TO FUND THIS OFFICE. IN ADDITION, INCREASES IN FUNDING ARE
8 ALSO BEING RECOMMENDED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES. AND THOSE ITEMS ARE -- I'M NOT GOING TO GO
10 THROUGH EACH OF THOSE ITEMS, BUT THEY ARE UP ON THE SCREEN.
11 IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES. IN JUNE 2015, THE BOARD APPROVED AN
12 \$11 WAGE INCREASE FOR I.H.S.S. WORKERS. THIS RESULTS IN AN
13 \$18.7 MILLION INCREASE TO THE BUDGET TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THIS
14 WAGE INCREASE. SINCE THE COUNTY SHARES IN THE COST OF FUNDING
15 THE I.H.S.S. WORKERS, AN ADDITIONAL \$3.5 MILLION IS NEEDED FOR
16 HEALTHCARE BENEFITS AND ALMOST \$15 MILLION LOCAL MATCH
17 REQUIREMENT, PURSUANT TO STATE FUNDING FORMULAS. OTHER BOARD
18 PRIORITIES, WAGE ENFORCEMENT. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS BE ALLOCATED AN
20 ADDITIONAL 1 MILLION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAGE
21 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE RECOMMENDED
22 BUDGET SETS ASIDE \$6.5 MILLION IN FUNDING, WHICH WILL BE
23 ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
24 PROPOSITION 47, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT \$3.2 MILLION IN
25 FUNDING BE SET ASIDE FOR PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE

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1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE-WIDE INITIATIVE. MY OFFICE PLANS
2 TO ISSUE A REPORT IN LATE APRIL WITH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
3 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROP 47. THE NEXT SLIDE, IN JUNE OF
4 2015, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTED A PLAN TO BEGIN A
5 MULTI-YEAR STRATEGY TO FULLY FUND RETIREE HEALTH COSTS.
6 ADDRESSING THIS LONG-STANDING UNFUNDED LIABILITY IS PERHAPS
7 ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FINANCIAL DECISIONS MADE OVER THE
8 LAST DECADE. FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY WILL
9 SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$22.7 MILLION IN PREFUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS
10 TO THE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST FUND. FOR THE '16/'17
11 RECOMMENDED BUDGET, WE ARE ALLOCATING APPROXIMATELY \$61.2
12 MILLION IN PREFUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS. IN 2015, THE COUNTY RAINY
13 DAY FUND WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY APPROXIMATELY 81 MILLION, WHICH
14 BRINGS THE BALANCE OF THE FUND TO APPROXIMATELY \$338 MILLION.
15 THE COUNTY'S STRONG FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL POLICIES,
16 AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY RECOGNIZED BY
17 THE CREDIT AGENCIES. THIS RECOGNITION HAS HELPED THE COUNTY TO
18 RECEIVE THREE RATING UPGRADES OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS. THE
19 LATEST, WHICH WAS IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, WAS A FITCH
20 GRADING UPGRADE WHICH INCREASED THE COUNTY'S GENERAL
21 OBLIGATION RATING FROM A.A.- TO A.A. THEY CITED PROGRESS
22 TOWARD ADDRESSING THE UNFUNDED RETIREE HEALTHCARE LIABILITY AS
23 ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE UPGRADE. STANDARDS & POOR'S HAS
24 UPGRADED THE COUNTY'S LONG-TERM CREDIT RATING TWICE OVER THE
25 LAST SIX YEARS, WHILE MOODY'S UPGRADED THE RATINGS OUTLOOK

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1 FROM STABLE TO POSITIVE EARLIER THIS YEAR. FINALLY, THE COUNTY
2 HAS FOR THE LAST 19 YEARS IN A ROW RECEIVED THE HIGHEST SHORT-
3 TERM RATINGS FROM ALL THREE RATING AGENCIES. THE STATE AND
4 FEDERAL BUDGET ACTIONS. SINCE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE
5 COUNTY'S BUDGET IS MADE UP OF REVENUES FROM THE STATE AND
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MONITOR THEIR
7 BUDGET ACTIONS. THE GOVERNOR'S 2016/17 PROPOSED BUDGET
8 CONTAINS NO REDUCTIONS TO COUNTY-ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS AND
9 INCLUDES REPAYMENT OF SOME OF THE DEFERRED STATE MANDATES TO
10 THE COUNTY. WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR BUDGET ACTIONS AT BOTH THE
11 STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS AND WILL KEEP THE BOARD UPDATED ON
12 IMPACTS TO THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. LOOKING AHEAD, THE COUNTY
13 FACES A NUMBER OF LONG-TERM BUDGET ISSUES THAT REQUIRE
14 DIFFICULT FUNDING DECISIONS. FIRST OF ALL, THE RAINY DAY FUND.
15 ALTHOUGH WE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF 81 MILLION OVER
16 THE LAST SIX MONTHS TO THE COUNTY RAINY DAY FUND, WE ARE STILL
17 APPROXIMATELY \$235 MILLION BELOW THE PRESCRIBED LEVEL.
18 COMBATING HOMELESSNESS. ESTIMATES FOR CLOSING THE HOMELESS
19 HOUSING GAP ARE UP TO \$450 MILLION ANNUALLY, WHICH DOES NOT
20 INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION COSTS. GOING FORWARD, THE COUNTY MUST
21 SECURE A LONG-TERM REVENUE SOURCE TO SUSTAIN OUR EFFORTS TO
22 FIGHT HOMELESSNESS. CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN OCTOBER
23 2015, THE BOARD DIRECTED MY OFFICE TO REPORT BACK WITH A
24 MULTI-YEAR PLAN THAT WOULD IDENTIFY \$100 MILLION ANNUALLY IN
25 ONGOING FUNDING BY FISCAL YEAR '20/'21 TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE

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1 HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND
2 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE COUNTY'S BUILDING INVENTORY IS LARGE AND
3 OLD AND HAS A BACKLOG OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THAT EXCEEDS \$1
4 BILLION. THE COUNTY HAS 4,000 BUILDING STRUCTURES. OVER 75
5 PERCENT OF THOSE ARE 35 YEARS OR OLDER. APPROXIMATELY 60
6 PERCENT ARE MORE THAN 50 YEARS OLD. UNINCORPORATED STORM
7 WATER. THE COLLECTIVE COST TO IMPLEMENT THE 11 ENHANCED
8 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS DEVELOPED THROUGHOUT THE
9 UNINCORPORATED AREA IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$4
10 BILLION OVER 20 YEARS. REPLACING LEGACY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
11 SYSTEMS. THE COST OF REPLACING OLD, OUTDATED INFORMATION
12 TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS IS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER \$265 MILLION AND
13 GROWING. THE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR THIS YEAR. OBVIOUSLY TODAY I
14 AM PUTTING FORTH THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL
15 BEGIN MAY 11, 2016, AND BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN JUNE
16 27TH, 2016, UNTIL CONCLUSION. AND THAT COMPLETES MY
17 PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SACHI. THAT WAS
20 TREMENDOUS. AND BEFORE I OPEN IT UP TO THE MEMBERS, I JUST
21 WANT TO MAKE A FEW OBSERVATIONS. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR
22 YOUR DILIGENCE AND, ACTUALLY, FOR A HEROIC DEED IN REALLY
23 MANAGING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET AND FOR HELPING US ALSO UPGRADE
24 OUR STANDING WITH THE RATINGS FROM BACK EAST. THAT'S REALLY
25 IMPORTANT. AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS WE DON'T KNOW MOVING

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1 FORWARD THAT COULD HAPPEN, BUT WE'VE ALWAYS GOT TO PLAN AND BE
2 FISCALLY PRUDENT ABOUT WHERE WE SPEND OUR MONEY. SO I DO WANT
3 TO COMMEND YOU AND THE STAFF AND ALL OF OUR COLLECTIVE OFFICES
4 FOR WORKING SO HARD ON TRYING TO GET THE BEST BUDGET BEFORE
5 US. IT'S A MONUMENTAL TASK. AND WHILE YOUR TENURE HASN'T EVEN
6 BEEN TWO YEARS, IT SHOWS THAT WE'RE MOVING IN THE RIGHT
7 DIRECTION AND THAT THE PRIORITIES THAT YOU HAVE SET REALLY DO,
8 I THINK, INTEGRATE THE CONCERNS OF THE BOARD. SO I WANT TO
9 COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF ON THAT. I ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
10 THE FACT THAT CHILD PROTECTION, HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE
11 -- AND PUBLIC SAFETY ARE THE THREE ITEMS THAT BRING US ALL
12 TOGETHER HERE, I THINK, AT THE END OF THE DAY. AND WAGE
13 ENFORCEMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THAT
14 AND ALSO FOR BRIAN STIGER AND ALL OUR STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE
15 BEEN REALLY MONUMENTAL IN HELPING US MOVE THAT AHEAD. AND I
16 ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO DR. KATZ AND HIS STAFF FOR
17 AGAIN PROVIDING US WITH THE IMPETUS BEHIND THE HOUSING FOR
18 HEALTH PROGRAM, WHICH I REALLY THINK IS A MODEL TO RAISE UP TO
19 THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. WHAT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO DO IN SAN
20 FRANCISCO AND NOW HERE AT HOME, WHAT HE'S ATTEMPTING TO DO, I
21 THINK, IS GREAT. BUT WE STILL HAVE MORE TO DO. WE SERVE, I
22 THINK, ABOUT 3,500 HOMELESS CLIENTS NOW THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT TRYING
24 TO UP THAT ANTE AND MAYBE LOOK AT DOUBLING THAT, ALMOST
25 DOUBLING IT TO 6,000. WHICH IS AN ADMIRABLE GOAL. SO WE'RE

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1 GOING TO WATCH, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S EXCITING FOR US. AND
2 JUST ALONE, THE INVESTMENTS MADE IN THE DIVERSION EFFORTS HAS
3 BEEN SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN SIGNALING NOW FOR THE
4 PAST YEAR AND A HALF, AND I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THAT. AND
5 I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO WITH THAT WORKING WITH ALL
6 OUR STAKEHOLDERS. I JUST WANT TO REMIND OUR COLLEAGUES THAT
7 THIS IS GOING TO BE A PROCESS WHERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TIME
8 TO COMMENT AND HEAR FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND HOPEFULLY AGAIN
9 HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK AT WHAT PRIORITIES REALLY THE COUNTY CAN
10 FOCUS ON IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS. SO THANK YOU TO THE
11 STAFF AND EVERYONE FOR PULLING THIS TOGETHER. WITH THAT, I'LL
12 OPEN IT UP. SUPERVISOR KUEHL? RIDLEY-THOMAS? KNABE? AND I
13 WOULD -- SHEILA KUEHL.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THAT WE GIVE ALL THE MONEY TO THE
16 FIRST DISTRICT. IS THERE A SECOND? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 [LAUGHTER.] NOW WE MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT. THANKS.

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT WAS GOOD. I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT.
20 THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE
21 C.E.O. AND HER STAFF, ALL ACROSS THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF YOUR
22 STAFF, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW HARD THEY WORK ON EACH OF THESE
23 AREAS OF THE BUDGET, LOOKING AT THEM AND TRYING TO MAKE THEM
24 WORK. AND I HAVE TWO POINTS TO ADD TO WHAT THE CHAIR HAS SAID,
25 I GUESS A LITTLE TRUTH-TELLING, AND IT'S REALLY JUST FROM MY

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1 POINT OF VIEW. FIRST OF ALL, AS HILDA AND I WERE RUNNING FOR
2 THESE SEATS, WHAT WE HEARD MOST OFTEN WAS: WELL, IF YOU ELECT
3 THESE TWO PEOPLE, YOU WILL HAVE GIVEN AWAY THE STORE. THE
4 BUDGET WILL GO RIGHT INTO A SERIOUS HOLE BECAUSE ALL THEY DO
5 IS SPEND, SPEND, SPEND. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT'S TIME
6 FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE WORDS "PRIORITIES ADVANCED"
7 MEAN. YES, WE SPENT \$28-1/2 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THE MAJOR
8 QUESTION IS: WHAT DO WE SPEND IT ON? AND THE OTHER PART OF
9 THAT IS, WE ONLY SPEND \$28.5 BILLION A YEAR, WHERE THE NEED IS
10 PROBABLY AT LEAST TWICE THAT. WHEN THE BOARD SET ITS
11 PRIORITIES -- AND I THINK WE WILL ALL AGREE THAT WE WORK VERY
12 WELL TOGETHER TO THINK ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WE ALL CARED
13 ABOUT AND HOW WE COULD FIND WINNERS IN EACH OF THOSE ISSUES
14 ACROSS ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS AND ACROSS ALL OF OUR INTERESTS,
15 BUT WE REALLY PUSHED HARD. AND WE PUSHED HARD, AS YOU
16 INDICATED, TO LESSEN INCARCERATION AND INCREASE
17 REHABILITATION. WE'RE STILL DOING REHABILITATION IN
18 INCARCERATION, BUT THE NOTION IS, WHAT COMES NEXT? AND PEOPLE
19 SAID: FIX THAT. FIX THOSE PRISONERS SO THEY DON'T GO BACK. FIX
20 THOSE CHILDREN IN CAMPS SO THAT THEY DON'T OFFEND AGAIN. FIX
21 THOSE FOSTER CHILDREN SO THAT THEY ALL INSTANTLY HAVE A FAMILY
22 OR RELATIVES THAT THEY CAN GO TO. WHY HAVEN'T YOU FOUND THEM
23 FASTER? AND, OF COURSE, PEOPLE SAY THE SAME THINGS TO THE
24 COURTS. AND IN THE AREA OF HOMELESSNESS, TO WHICH WE HAVE PAID
25 MORE ATTENTION THIS YEAR IN THIS COUNTY THAN EVER BEFORE, NO,

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1 WE DIDN'T START IT. BUT WE HAVE MADE A HUGE LEAP FORWARD ABOUT
2 IT. AND SO WHAT DO PEOPLE SAY TO US? WELL, HOW COME THERE ARE
3 STILL HOMELESS ON THE STREET? AND I SAY THAT IS A STUPID
4 QUESTION. THERE ARE MORE HOMELESS ON THE STREET, BECAUSE
5 GOVERNMENT CAN'T FIX IT ALL, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO TAX
6 YOURSELF MORE IN ORDER TO PAY FOR IT. CITY OF LOS ANGELES JUST
7 DID A SURVEY. TURNS OUT HOMELESSNESS WAS WHAT MORE THAN 80
8 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THOUGHT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
9 AND THEY WERE VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FINDING HOUSING FOR
10 HOMELESS PEOPLE. HOW MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE SAID "WE CHOOSE THIS
11 WAY TO FUND IT" WHERE WE TAX OURSELVES MAYBE IN SALES, WE
12 CHOOSE THIS WAY TO FUND IT, WHERE WE TAX OURSELVES MAYBE ON
13 OUR PROPERTY? LESS THAN 40 PERCENT IN EVERY CATEGORY. SO IT'S
14 KIND OF LIKE MY FRIEND JOHN BARTON USED TO SAY. "DON'T TAX HIM
15 AND DON'T TAX ME. TAX THAT GUY BEHIND THE TREE." AND AS IT
16 TURNS OUT, WE MUST STAY WITHIN OUR BUDGET -- AND ARE -- AND
17 MEET OUR PRIORITIES. I REALLY WISH THAT I WERE THE EDITOR OF A
18 NEWSPAPER OR PERHAPS A REPORTER SO THAT I COULD SAY, "HERE'S
19 WHAT YOU MUST DO," AND THEN I WOULD GO HOME, NOT HAVING TO DO
20 A DAMN THING ABOUT IT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T DECIDE TO
21 DO THAT. AND I'M NOT SAYING WE'RE HEROES IN ANY WAY OR THAT
22 THE COUNTY CAN'T DO MORE, BUT I HAVE TO SAY IN A TIME WHEN
23 GOVERNMENT IS UNDERAPPRECIATED, IT IS OVERBURDENED, AND IT'S
24 OVERBURDENED WITH PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS. I'M PROUD OF THIS
25 BUDGET. I'M PROUD OF THE WORK THAT ALL FIVE OF US HAVE DONE

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1 FROM VERY DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW IN ATTEMPTING TO TAKE CARE
2 OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY EXPLOITED, VICTIMS OF
3 CRIMES, PEOPLE WHO HAVE ERRED AND WE WANT TO HELP TURN THEIR
4 LIVES AROUND, AND OUR REGULAR BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY, THOSE
5 WHO BUILD HOUSING IN THE COUNTY. FOR THE CRITIQUE THAT WE
6 DIDN'T PUT THE WHOLE \$20 MILLION IN FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
7 YET, I SAY JUST WATCH. I'LL BET YOU SOME MONEY WE'RE GOING TO
8 HAVE THAT \$20 MILLION BY SEPTEMBER, WHICH IS WHEN WE ARE
9 REQUIRED TO SHOW IT. I HOPE I'M RIGHT. I THINK THIS BUDGET IS
10 EXTREMELY RESPONSIBLE, INNOVATIVE, AND, IN ITS OWN WAY,
11 BEAUTIFUL, UNLIKE THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO NEED
12 US FOR THEIR SAFETY NET. SO I THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, FOR
13 LETTING ME HAVE A VERY SHORT RANT, HOPEFULLY, AND, YES, I'LL
14 VOTE FOR THE BUDGET.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. PERMIT
19 ME TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MOTION AND TRANSFER ALL THOSE
20 DOLLARS FROM THE FIRST AND GIVE IT TO THE THIRD. THANK YOU SO
21 MUCH. I'LL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. I THINK THE OFFICE OF THE
22 C.E.O., THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HERSELF HAS YET AGAIN
23 DISTINGUISHED THE WORK THAT THE OFFICE CAN DO BY THE
24 PRESENTATION OF THIS BUDGET, AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WITHOUT
25 HESITATION. I THANK YOU, MS. HAMAI AND THE WHOLE TEAM, TO

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1 ACKNOWLEDGE, SHOUT OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR
2 ENCOURAGING A PROCESS WHERE WE CAN GET TO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY
3 A BUDGET THAT MIGHT BE DEFINED AS BOTH PRUDENT AND
4 PROGRESSIVE. THIS IS A BALANCED BUDGET, AND THIS IS
5 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE ARE OBLIGED TO DO. WE TAKE OUR FIDUCIARY
6 RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY, AND IT IS REFLECTED IN THAT WHICH IS
7 BEFORE US. WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO. THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT
8 THAT. AND WHEN WE RETURN TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF OUR BUDGET
9 DELIBERATIONS, THAT, THEN, WILL BE REFLECTED ACCORDINGLY.
10 MADAME CHAIR, WHEN YOU GIVE THE SIGNAL, I AM PREPARED TO MAKE
11 AN APPROPRIATE MOTION TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF TRAUMA IN OUR
12 COUNTY. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU WANT TO ENTERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO
13 THAT WHICH IS BEFORE US; NAMELY, ITEM NO. 50.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** LET'S HEAR FIRST FROM THE BOARD
16 MEMBERS, AND THEN WE'LL GO BACK TO EACH ITEM. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I, TOO, WANT TO COMPLIMENT THE C.E.O. AND
23 THE STAFF AND THE ENTIRE TEAM AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR
24 THEIR INPUT AND ASSISTANCE. I THINK THE FISCAL PRUDENCE OVER
25 THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS HAS PAID OFF AND CONTINUES TO PAY OFF

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1 WITH THE CREDIT RATING INCREASES. I MEAN, I THINK PEOPLE
2 UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE AS IT
3 RELATES TO THE ENORMITY OF OUR BUDGET AND THE THINGS THAT WE
4 HAVE TO DO. BUT, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP THE EYE
5 ON THE BALL, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THERE'S SOME GOOD TIMES RIGHT
6 NOW AND ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE COUNTY HAS BEEN WE HAVE
7 ALWAYS PUT A LOT OF MONEY AWAY DURING THE GOOD TIMES TO BE
8 PREPARED FOR THE BAD TIMES. SO WE CAN'T GET FISCALLY FOOLISH
9 AND GOING AHEAD AND SPENDING OUT TIMES AND WHEN WE NEED TO
10 HOLD BACK AT SOME OF THAT. BUT WE'VE DONE IT VERY GOOD, I
11 THINK, AS A BOARD. I HAD A PARTICULAR QUESTION AS IT RELATED
12 TO THE D.C.F.S., PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATED TO THAT CHILD SEX
13 TRAFFICKING UNIT. I UNDERSTAND -- WHAT IS THE TIMELINE TO
14 BRING THEM ON BOARD? DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA? I THINK IT'S LIKE 40
15 POSITIONS.

16

17 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** FOR THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS UNIT.

20

21 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** WELL, ONCE THE BUDGET IS ADOPTED, THEN
22 THEY WOULD HAVE HIRING AUTHORITY BEGINNING JULY 1ST.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** JULY 1ST IS THE TIMELINE?

25

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1 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, I MEAN, TO START HIRING?

4

5 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. YOU ADDRESSED SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES AND
8 SOME OF THE OTHER CURRENT ONES AS IT RELATED TO THE AFFORDABLE
9 HOUSING PROGRAM. I THINK THOSE AREAS, HOMELESSNESS AND
10 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ARE GOING TO BE SOME DEEP HOLES THAT WE
11 HAVE TO DEAL WITH, BECAUSE WE CAN NEVER FORGET AT THE END OF
12 THE DAY THAT ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY WITH HEALTHCARE AND,
13 STILL, THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, THAT THINGS CHANGING IN AND
14 OUT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO, AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS AND
15 GOOD JOB ON THE BUDGET AND THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK OUR C.E.O., YOU'VE BEEN
20 WORKING HARD AND WE'VE ALWAYS HAD THE RAINY DAY FUND AND
21 THERE'S BEEN A LITTLE SHORTAGE IN THE RAINY DAY FUND. ARE YOU
22 ENSURING THAT THAT WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO THE 10-PERCENT LEVEL
23 AFTER WE CLOSE THE BOOKS?

24

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1 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** WE ARE, SUPERVISOR. SO WE ARE -- WHILE IT
2 MAY NOT BE THE COMPLETE 10 PERCENT AT THE 10-PERCENT LEVEL, SO
3 BASICALLY THE BOARD'S POLICY IS THAT THE RAINY DAY FUND SHOULD
4 BE 10 PERCENT OF THE ONGOING LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE, WHICH
5 IS AT ABOUT \$5.3 BILLION RIGHT NOW. OUR RAINY DAY FUND SHOULD
6 BE AT ABOUT \$530 MILLION. WE'RE AT APPROXIMATELY \$338 MILLION.
7 AND BETWEEN NOW AND SUPPLEMENTAL, WE HOPE THAT MONEY WILL BE
8 SET ASIDE. BUT AGAIN, FOR THIS CURRENT BUDGET, WE HAVE PUT IN
9 \$80 MILLION FOR FISCAL YEAR '15/'16, AND FOR '16/'17, WE HOPE
10 TO ADD MORE.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING HAVE YOU
13 ALLOCATED TO THE UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY?

14

15 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** SO FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR, THE DOLLAR
16 AMOUNT WAS \$22 MILLION, AND I BELIEVE FOR THIS CURRENT BUDGET,
17 IT'S ABOUT \$61 MILLION.

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN YOU MENTIONED THAT THERE
20 HAVE BEEN 153 POSITIONS IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN
21 ELIMINATED. WERE THESE POSITIONS VACANT?

22

23 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** THEY WERE, SUPERVISOR.

24

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 REPORT, '17/'18 FISCAL YEAR, THAT'S WHEN THEY WILL HAVE
3 EXHAUSTED THEIR DESIGNATION, BASED ON CURRENT PROJECTIONS.
4 ADDITIONALLY, CRITICAL DECISIONS WE MADE ON ISSUES THAT COULD
5 HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS THE
6 MANAGED- CARE RATE RULE, HOW ARE YOU MONITORING THIS TO ENSURE
7 THAT THE BOARD IS IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THERE IS A DOWNTURN
8 IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCING?

9

10 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** SO WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND OBVIOUSLY THE HEALTH AGENCY
12 DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR WHAT'S GOING ON. AND WE WOULD
13 CERTAINLY REPORT ANYTHING THAT WE HEAR DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND I JUST JOINED WITH MY COLLEAGUES
16 ON THE BOARD FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS
17 BUDGET AND YOUR TEAM. YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB PUTTING TOGETHER
18 THIS \$28-PLUS-BILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET AND YOUR LEADERSHIP HAS
19 RESULED IN A MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE THAT EMPHASIZES EFFICIENCY
20 AND HONEST, COMMON SENSE TO DECISIONMAKING AT ALL LEVELS
21 WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND WITH OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND
22 YOU HAVE ADDRESSED THOSE FUNDING NEEDS, OUR BOARD'S
23 PRIORITIES. AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AS WE SUPPORT YOU
24 IN THESE EFFORTS.

25

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1 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I DO WANT TO
2 SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS AND YOUR STAFF FOR
3 HELPING US PUT TOGETHER THIS BUDGET. I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK
4 ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE RIGHT NOW.
5 THEY ACTUALLY CAME IN VERY CONSERVATIVE THIS YEAR AND I
6 APPRECIATE THAT AND I KNOW THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO FUND ALL
7 OF THEIR NEEDS, BUT I DO APPRECIATE THE TEAMWORK THAT THEY
8 BROUGHT TO THE TABLE. AND FINALLY, I DO WANT TO TAKE THIS
9 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK MY STAFF IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WHO HAVE
10 DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB IN JUST PUTTING THE ENTIRE BUDGET
11 TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND MY LAST PLUG IS THAT IF
12 YOU WANT TO SEE THE ACTUAL BUDGET, YOU COULD GO TO
13 LACOUNTY.GOV/BUDGET. WE HAVE A GREAT WEBSITE UP AND IT SHOWS
14 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THE MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT ON AND IT
15 ALSO SHOWS THE BUDGET PROCESS. SO, THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S A CURE FOR INSOMNIA. I CAN ASSURE YOU
18 OF THAT. [LAUGHTER.] WE NEED SOME ANIMATION IN THAT BUDGET
19 PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SACHI A. HAMAI, CEO:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, THEN, WE WILL GO AHEAD AND
24 TAKE UP SOME AMENDMENTS THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED BEFORE US BY
25 MEMBERS. SO, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. OUR COUNTY, LED
3 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, ITS EMERGENCY MEDICAL
4 SERVICES TEAM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE BEEN
5 ACTIVELY WORKING TO IMPROVE OUR -- THE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM, AND
6 WE APPLAUD THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS. REPORTS RELEASED LATE LAST
7 YEAR BY BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE
8 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAKE IT CLEAR IN THE
9 FOLLOWING WAY. L.A. COUNTY'S TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM PERFORMS
10 SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THAT'S THE
11 FIRST POINT THAT WE NEED TO APPRECIATE. AND THE SECOND POINT
12 IS THAT THERE ARE CLEARLY SOME AREAS THAT WE WOULD DEFINE AS
13 HOT SPOTS THAT EXPERIENCE DISPROPORTIONATE RATES OF TRAUMA AND
14 TRAUMA-RELATED MORTALITY, MOST NOTABLY THE RATE OF TRAUMA IN
15 THE S.P.A. 6 REGION, THAT IS, SOUTH LOS ANGELES, HAS MORE THAN
16 DOUBLE THE COUNTY'S AVERAGE. THIS CANNOT BE NOR SHOULD IT BE
17 IGNORED. AS A RESULT, DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, THIS BOARD
18 DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO TAKE VARIOUS
19 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, INCLUDING TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 PUBLIC HEALTH, NOW INTEGRATED AS THE AGENCY, TO DEVELOP A
21 TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE ISSUES
22 AND WHAT WE DEFINE, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, AS THE "HOT SPOT AREAS."
23 AND SO THE MOTION THAT I SUBMIT TODAY SEEKS TO FACILITATE A
24 REPORT BACK ON THOSE ACTIVITIES, IN PARTICULAR HOW THE
25 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ENGAGED IN THAT EFFORT

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1 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HEALTH AGENCY AND OTHER
2 APPROPRIATELY APPOINTED INSTITUTIONS. IT'S BEFORE US, AND I
3 SEEK YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SAME. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. JUST AS WE ARE
8 STEWARDS OF THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY, WE ARE ALSO
9 STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE COUNTY. SO I WOULD ALSO
10 LIKE TO PROPOSE A MOTION FOR A VOTE AND INCLUSION IN THE
11 BUDGET VOTE CONCERNING THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA
12 PLAN. IT WAS ADOPTED 16 YEARS AGO. AND WHEN IT WAS ADOPTED, IT
13 HAD A LOT OF KIND OF CUTTING-EDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS,
14 REALLY PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD OF AND UNADOPTED IN THE COUNTY. BUT
15 WITH THE RECENT CERTIFICATION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
16 LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM, WHICH AFFECTS THE AREAS WITHIN 5 MILES
17 OF THE SEA, IT'S BECOME APPARENT THAT WE ACTUALLY NEED SOME
18 COMPREHENSIVE REVISIONS TO THE NORTH AREA PLAN TO ENSURE THAT
19 LAND-USE REGULATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS ARE APPLIED
20 CONSISTENTLY ACROSS THESE VERY SIMILAR AREAS. THERE ARE A
21 NUMBER OF EXISTING NORTH AREA PLAN POLICIES THAT HAVE YET TO
22 BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE ORDINANCE. SO THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
23 PLANNING'S PROPOSING A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE PLAN, AND
24 THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CORRESPONDING CHANGES TO THE
25 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE POLICIES.

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1 SO THE MOTION SEEKS TO ASK FOR A REPORT BACK TO PROVIDE AN
2 EVALUATION OF AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 REGIONAL PLANNING'S PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE SANTA MONICA
4 MOUNTAIN'S NORTH AREA PLAN. I'LL SUBMIT THAT FOR
5 CONSIDERATION, AS WELL.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER?
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THIS BOARD HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE OVER THE
11 YEARS IN SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN THE AREA OF THE K-12 PUBLIC
12 EDUCATION. WE'VE DONE A LOT TO SUPPORT THAT, AND TODAY, AS WE
13 ALL KNOW, THAT 1 OUT OF 6 JOBS IN THE COUNTY ARE GENERATED BY
14 THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, WHICH PRODUCES ALMOST 700,000 JOBS
15 AND ABOUT \$47.7 BILLION IN LABOR INCOME. WE JUST CONTINUE TO
16 WORK WITH OUR L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND THESE
17 JOBS PAY 65 PERCENT OF WHAT A MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE GREATER THAN
18 THE OVERALL COUNTY MEDIANS. SO WHAT I'D LIKE IS A REPORT BACK,
19 AS WELL, AT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MEETING, IS TO LOOK AT THE
20 FUNDING FOR THE ARTS FOR ALL PROGRAM IN PARTNERING, WHICH HAS
21 BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE'VE ALLOCATED \$224,000 FROM THE
22 GENERAL FUND FOR ARTS FOR ALL THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEARS, BUT
23 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A GREATER NEED TODAY. SO IN LOOKING AT THAT
24 AND TO HAVE SOME GROWTH AND EXPANSION FOR THE ARTS FOR ALL
25 PROGRAM AFTER OUR 14-YEAR HISTORY, I WOULD ASK THAT THE C.E.O.

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1 REPORT BACK AT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET MEETING TO HELP FUND
2 THE INCREASE FOR THE ARTS FOR ALL PROGRAM.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST HAVE THE AN OBSERVATION, MAYBE
5 YOU'LL TAKE THIS AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, TO ALSO INCLUDE WITH
6 THE L.A. COUNTY SCHOOLS, OUR PROBATION CAMPS. IT'S THERE.
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, ON DECEMBER 29TH THIS
10 PAST YEAR DURING OUR '15/'16 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, THE BOARD
11 HAD APPROVED SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS' AND MY MOTION DIRECTING
12 THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK WITH THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO BE SET
13 ASIDE IN THE PROVINCIAL FINANCING USES TO IMPLEMENT PHASE 2 OF
14 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS' PATROL SERVICES. AT SUCH TIME, THE
15 SHERIFF WAS ABLE TO INCREASE PATROLS IN THOSE UNINCORPORATED
16 AREAS, AND ACCORDINGLY, THE C.E.O. HAS NOW SET ASIDE FUNDING
17 FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY
18 REVIEWED PHASE 2 OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS' PATROL SERVICES
19 TO DETERMINE ABOUT ADJUSTMENTS BEING MADE AND CONCLUDED THAT
20 HAD 56 DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO MEET THE PUBLIC-
21 SAFETY NEEDS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. GIVEN THE EXISTING
22 VACANCIES IN CUSTODY OPERATIONS AND THE LENGTH OF TIME IT
23 TAKES TO RECRUIT AND HIRE SWORN PERSONNEL, THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT IS PROPOSING TO START IMPLEMENTING PHASE 2 BY
25 HIRING TWO PATROL DEPUTIES EVERY OTHER MONTH FOR A TOTAL OF 12

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1 FOR FISCAL YEAR '16/'17. ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSAL IS NOT NEARLY
2 ENOUGH TO MEET THE ACTUAL NEED, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE
3 ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD TO MAINTAIN PARITY BETWEEN
4 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE CONTRACT CITIES AS WELL AS TO
5 PROVIDE PROACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO KEEP OUR
6 NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE. SO WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
7 C.E.O. TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, REPORT BACK AS
8 PART OF THE FINAL CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE JUNE BUDGET
9 WITH A DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY PLAN TO INCREASE PATROL DEPUTIES IN
10 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE
11 DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY PLAN GIVE SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT TO THE AREAS
12 WITH THE HIGHEST CRIME RATES, UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SHERIFF
13 MUST PRIORITIZE DEPLOYMENT ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING
14 RESPONSE TIMES, WORKLOAD, GEOGRAPHIC TERRAIN, AND OTHER
15 FACTORS.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH FOR PRESENTING THIS AND WORKING WITH ALL THE
19 OFFICES ON THIS. SO, MEMBERS, WE HAVE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS
20 BEFORE US. WE HAVE ONE INTRODUCED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, KUEHL,
21 KNABE AND ANTONOVICH. AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THEN WE
22 CAN, I BELIEVE, TAKE THOSE ALL UP AT ONE TIME, IF THERE IS NO
23 OBJECTION TO THESE AMENDMENTS.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVE ITEM 50 AS AMENDED.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE ON IT
3 YET, BUT IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE STILL HAVE THOSE FOLKS TO LISTEN TO. SO
5 THANK YOU. OKAY, WITH THAT WE GO TO LANCASTER. WE HAVE DIANA
6 BEARD-WILLIAMS.

7

8 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND AS I CALL
9 YOU SUPERVISOR, PLEASE, IT MEANS A LOT TO ME TO BE CALLED DR.
10 DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. THAT'S WHY I HAVE IT ON THE FORM. I
11 THINK THE BUDGET IS MAGICAL. I THINK THAT THE BUDGET WAS WELL-
12 DONE. I'VE GONE OVER THE BUDGET, AND I COMMEND ALL OF THE
13 PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE BUDGET. AND IT'S VERY RARELY THAT I
14 PROBABLY GET UP HERE AND SAY KUDOS TO YOU FOR BEING ABLE TO
15 PUT TOGETHER A \$28.5 BILLION BUDGET THAT IS BALANCED AND MAKES
16 SENSE. THE ONLY THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO IT, AND IT
17 IN NO WAY TAKES AWAY FROM THE EXEMPLARY WORK DONE BY YOUR
18 STAFF, IS THAT I HAVE CONCERNS IN DIFFERENT AREAS, SUCH AS IN
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK I CAN COVER ALL OF MY
20 ISSUES BY THE WORD "VETTING." " IN THE SHERIFF'S AREA, FOR
21 EXAMPLE, YOU HAD SOMETHING ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY ABOUT MALES
22 COMMITTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND YOU WERE GIVING FREE
23 PARKING. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO SENSITIZE THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING THAT MALES ARE OFTEN THE
25 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND MANY OF YOUR EXPERTS HAVE

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1 TESTIFIED TO THAT IN COURT, BUT THEY DON'T COME FORWARD. AND
2 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT SENSITIVE TO THAT AT ALL. AND
3 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GREATER SENSITIVITY TRAINING IN THAT AREA
4 TO MAKE THEM REALIZE THAT. AND ALSO CULTURAL-SENSITIVITY
5 TRAINING. AND WHEN I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE HIGH-RANKING AEROSPACE
6 BLACK ENGINEER WHO WAS ACTUALLY RAPED AND WENT TO A DISTRICT
7 TRIAL, MIKE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU REALLY LOOK
8 INTO ISSUES SUCH AS THE MONEY THAT MANY OF THESE SOCIAL
9 SERVICE AGENCIES ARE GETTING IN TERMS OF THE COUNSELING, THE
10 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. SO WHATEVER FUNDS THAT YOU WERE
11 GOING TO BE INCREASED IN THAT AREA, PLEASE, YOU MUST LOOK AT
12 OPTIMISTS, AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER, AND OTHER
13 AGENCIES. THEY ARE NOT PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING FOR
14 THESE INDIVIDUALS. PLEASE, VET YOUR STAFF FOR D.C.F.S. OTHER
15 THAN THAT, IT'S A WONDERFUL BUDGET, AND I THINK IT'S WELL
16 DONE. AND I GIVE YOU KUDOS. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, WE HAVE DR.
19 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, EUNISSES HERNANDEZ.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BOARD. I WOULD
22 SAY THIS IS A NICE PRESENTATION BY THE C.E.O. THAT'S WHY I'M
23 WEARING PINK IN SYMPATHY WITH HER TODAY. THE BUDGET IS LARGE.
24 LET'S BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THAT. THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY SOME
25 POINTS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FEED

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1 BACK THE ENERGY THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL ADMINISTRATED TO THE
2 PUBLIC ABOUT THE NAYSAYERS, THE EDITORS OF MAGAZINES AND
3 NEWSPAPERS, EVERYBODY WORRIED ABOUT THE OVERSPENDING. I HAVE
4 NOT READ THOSE ARTICLES. I'VE READ A FEW, BUT I WOULD SAY THAT
5 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE STRING OF A'S, THE CHART THAT SHOWS THE A-
6 PLUS-PLUS AND A-PLUS AND A-MINUS AND A.A., ALL THE BOND
7 RATINGS AND SUCH ABOUT HOW GREAT THE COUNTY IS DOING, AND
8 KUDOS TO THE COUNTY FOR PUTTING \$81 MILLION INTO THE RAINY DAY
9 FUND. AND WE CERTAINLY ARE NOT GOING TO FILL IT UP TO \$500
10 MILLION WITH AND EXTRA \$200 MILLION THIS YEAR, I DON'T THINK,
11 BUT WHEN WE POST THOSE GRADES, THEY ARE NOT GRADES, OF COURSE,
12 FOR THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING. THEY ARE BOND RATINGS. AND IT'S
13 IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT WE DO NOT -- HAVE NOT FULLY MET THE
14 PUBLIC'S BARGAIN FOR GETTING THE JOB DONE. I UNDERSTAND BUDGET
15 LIMITATIONS ARE REAL. BUT SPECIFICALLY THERE ARE A LOT OF
16 THINGS TO GO OVER. THIS IS A VERY LONG AND BIG BUDGET. THE
17 A.E.C.O.M. INFRASTRUCTURE ITEM FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
18 PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTY CONSISTENTLY HAS BEEN WITHHELD.
19 THEY DON'T SHOW WHAT SPECIFICALLY THEY ARE CONSIDERING. AND
20 YET, THIS GROUP THAT HAS WIDE LATITUDE ON MANY OF OUR
21 PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE JAIL PLAN, LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES,
22 THAT HAS BEEN FULL-STEAM AHEAD, YOU GUYS ARE MOVING IN THAT
23 DIRECTION DESPITE A WIDESPREAD PUBLIC MANDATE TO REDUCE
24 REDUCTION BEFORE CONSTRUCTION, AND I DON'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT
25 THAT. I WOULD SAY THE 24,000 KIDS WHO DON'T GET HEALTHCARE --

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1 I MEAN, WHO DON'T GET CHILDCARE WHO WANT IT AND NEED IT IS
2 SOMETHING THAT ALWAYS IRKS ME, AND I'M SURE THAT NUMBER HAS
3 COME DOWN. IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WHAT THAT NUMBER IS. AND
4 WHEN WE HIRE NEW GUYS TO RUN THE HEALTHCARE PIECE OF THE
5 CUSTODY DIVISION, GREAT IDEA, BUT WHY DON'T WE REDUCE THE
6 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR THE SHERIFF'S
7 DEPARTMENT ITSELF? AND, I MEAN, THAT'S IT? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
8 LET ME CONTINUE? WELL, THAT'S UNFORTUNATE.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I TELL YOU WHAT. I GIVE YOU MY TIME.
11 ERIC, I GIVE YOU MY TIME.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY. WELL, I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT, DR.
14 CLAVREUL, ASSUMING THAT'S PERMISSIBLE. AND SOME OF THE OTHER
15 ITEMS THAT ARE ON MY LIST INCLUDE SOME APPRECIATION FOR THE
16 I.H.S.S. FINALLY COMING FORWARD AND PROVIDING -- BECAUSE THIS
17 IS ONE OF THE GREAT DEALS FOR THE COUNTY, WHERE IN-HOME
18 HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE ABLE TO FINALLY RECEIVE SOME PAY THAT
19 IS COMMENSURATE WITH WHAT THEY'RE DOING, WHICH IS LOOKING
20 AFTER SO MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE.
21 I WOULD SAY THAT ANOTHER CONCERN HAS TO DO WITH WHEN WE SPEND
22 MONEY FROM THESE OPEN-SPACE DISTRICTS AND SUCH, WE EARMARK
23 THEM FOR THINGS THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN THE INDIVIDUAL
24 SUPERVISORS' INTEREST LEVEL AREA BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN THE
25 COUNTYWIDE MANDATE TO IMPROVE THINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, SPENDING SO

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1 MUCH MONEY UPGRADING A CHILDREN'S GOLF CENTER, JUMPING FROM
2 ALMOST \$3.6 MILLION TO \$13-SOMETHING MILLION FEELS COMPLETELY
3 OUT OF STEP WITH WHAT THE INDIVIDUALS IN THOSE DISTRICTS
4 ACTUALLY NEED AND ARE CLAMORING FOR. I'TS \$9 MILLION FOR --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S A COUNTYWIDE FACILITY.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S \$9 MILLION. PLEASE DON'T INTERRUPT, SIR. \$9
9 MILLION FOR A --

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** DOWN ONE.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M SORRY. IT'S \$9.77 MILLION. IS THAT WHAT
14 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT? YEAH, INCREASING TO A TOTAL OF \$13.27.
15 IT'S A LOT OF MONEY FOR A KIDDY GOLF CENTER. AND I --
16 EVERYBODY HAS BEEN APPRECIATIVE OF THAT GOLF STUFF, BY THE
17 WAY, SIR. IT'S NOT A CRITICISM OF YOU. IT'S A CRITICISM OF WHY
18 WE'RE SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY ON SUCH A THING. NOW, THE OTHER
19 PIECE OF THE PUZZLE WHERE I'VE BEEN A VOCAL ADVOCATE FOR
20 CHANGE IS THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING PROGRAM. TODAY -- WE'LL
21 GET TO IT IN ITEM 29 -- WE ARE ROLLING OUT ANOTHER \$22 MILLION
22 TO THESE GROUPS THAT WILL THEN ADMINISTER IT ON A PRICE PER
23 COST. THEY CALL IT A PRICE BOOK. AND WE'RE MAKING SOME
24 IMPROVEMENTS, ACCORDING TO GAIL FARBER, BUT THE C.E.O., WHO
25 HAS DONE A GREAT JOB ON THIS BUDGET, SHOULD MAKE A SIMILARLY

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1 NICE PRESENTATION SO WE CAN SEE JUST HOW MANY JOB ORDER
2 CONTRACTS EACH OF THESE J.O.C. PROVIDERS HAVE, SO THAT WE CAN
3 UNDERSTAND THAT, IN FACT, THOUGH WE HAD 39 PEOPLE SHOW UP FOR
4 A BID, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE OUTCOMES ARE DETERMINED
5 SOMEHOW BEHIND A VEIL. AND THAT'S A REAL PROBLEM FOR
6 TRANSPARENCY, OPEN GOVERNMENT, AND WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT, WHICH
7 IS NOT TO HIRE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT BEING PAID AT UNION
8 WAGES OR REASONABLE WAGES. SO, THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE DIANA ZUNIGA, EUNISSES
11 HERNANDEZ, ARNOLD SACHS, JOSEPH MAIZLISH.

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13 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M WITH
14 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I DO WANT TO SAY
15 THAT THIS BUDGET IS A LOT BETTER THAN BUDGETS THAT WE'VE SEEN
16 IN THE PAST. SO, I DO APPRECIATE THERE ARE PRIORITY AREAS THAT
17 HAVE BEEN FUNDED, LIKE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY,
18 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND THE PROP 47 TASKFORCE. THAT IS
19 SOMETHING NEW AND AMAZING THAT WE'VE SEEN THIS YEAR, AND I'M
20 REALLY GRATEFUL THAT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN THIS YEAR'S
21 BUDGET. I ALSO WANT TO COME WITH SOME SOLUTIONS, MAYBE NOT
22 EXPECTATIONS, BUT SOME SOLUTIONS THAT WE CAN THINK ABOUT,
23 ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO 4 OUT OF THE 5 MOTIONS THAT WERE
24 ADDED ONTO THE BUDGET. I THINK 4 OUT OF THE 5 HAVE SOME REALLY
25 AMAZING PIECES TO IT, AND THERE'S WAYS THAT WE CAN GET FUNDING

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1 AND REDIRECT FUNDING AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TOWARDS THESE
2 SOLUTIONS THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ACTUALLY NEED. ONE OF MUCH
3 THOSE WAYS, A.B. 109 FUNDING, WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A LONG
4 TIME. PROGRAMS HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 23 PERCENT OF A.B. 109
5 FUNDING. YET, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS GOTTEN 55 PERCENT.
6 WE KNOW THAT COMMUNITIES NEED THESE SERVICES. WE KNOW THAT
7 PROGRAMS NEED THIS FUNDING. AND WE REALLY WANT TO FOCUS ON
8 REDIRECTING 50 PERCENT OF A.B. 109 RE-ALIGNMENT DOLLARS
9 TOWARDS PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY IN REGARDS TO THE FUNDING THAT IS
10 NOT USED BY DEPARTMENTS. RIGHT NOW WE KNOW THAT IT IS GOING TO
11 THE A.B. 109 RESERVE FUND. AND A LOT OF TIMES THAT GOES
12 STRAIGHT BACK INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S OVERTIME BUDGET.
13 WE CAN CREATE OTHER SOLUTIONS, MOVE THAT INTO THE OFFICE OF
14 DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, CREATE DIFFERENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
15 FOR INNOVATIVE CHANGE WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SUPPORT
16 THOSE COMING OUT OF INCARCERATION. THE OTHER THING IS, WE SEE
17 THAT THERE'S ABOUT \$23 MILLION SAVED IN THE P.F.U. FOR THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND AN ATTEMPT TO PUT \$6 MILLION IN THERE
19 EVERY YEAR. AND THE \$6 MILLION IS A DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS. THAT
20 \$6 MILLION COULD BE USED FOR THESE ARTS PROGRAMS, COULD BE
21 USED FOR SEVERAL OTHER THINGS. WE HAVE CONCERNS AROUND THE
22 WOMEN'S JAIL, ALSO AROUND THE INMATE WELFARE FUND AND AROUND
23 IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND THE FUNDING GOING INTO THAT. SO I
24 HAVE SOME LETTERS WITH YOU, AND WE'D LOVE TO MEET WITH YOU

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1 ALL, YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPUTIES AND YOUR BUDGET DEPUTIES.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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6 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND
7 CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS. MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ WITH DRUG
8 POLICY ALLIANCE. AND FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO SAY WE
9 APPLAUD YOUR DIVERSION EFFORTS THIS PAST YEAR AND A HALF THAT
10 HAVE LED TO THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-
11 ENTRY, THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND THE PROP 47 TASKFORCE.
12 ALTHOUGH THESE EFFORTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AS
13 PRIORITIES, WE CAN DEFINITELY DO MORE. SINCE THE
14 IMPLEMENTATION OF A.B. 109, THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE LION'S SHARE OF THE A.B. 109
16 BUDGET, WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE AT THE TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION,
17 BECAUSE THE IMPACT ON A.B. 109, YOU KNOW, FILLED OUR JAILS.
18 BUT L.A. COUNTY NOW HAS TOOLS THAT HAVE DECREASED THE JAIL
19 POPULATION, AND THE POTENTIAL TO DECREASE IT EVEN FURTHER
20 EXISTS. SOME OF THESE TOOLS INCLUDE PROP 47 AND SPLIT
21 SENTENCING, WHICH THIS COUNTY'S PERCENTAGE IS PRETTY LOW
22 COMPARED TO OTHER COUNTIES ON SPLIT SENTENCING. THESE TOOLS
23 HAVE LED TO MANY PEOPLE BEING RELEASED INTO OUR COMMUNITIES
24 THAT NEED SERVICES. THE MONEY SHOULD FOLLOW THOSE FOLKS INTO
25 OUR COMMUNITIES. THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O. NEED TO RE-EVALUATE

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1 HOW THE A.B. 109 BUDGET IS ALLOCATED. THE CURRENT ALLOCATION
2 OF THE A.B. 109 BUDGET HAS RESULTED IN PEOPLE WHO ARE ON
3 P.R.C.S. WAITING FOUR TO SIX WEEKS FOR A RESIDENTIAL DRUG
4 TREATMENT SLOT, AND OVER 700 PEOPLE ON P.R.C.S. ARE CURRENTLY
5 HOMELESS. LET'S INVEST IN SOLUTIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES
6 THAT ARE KNOWN TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM, INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY,
7 AND JUST INCREASE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYBODY IN OUR
8 COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND HAVE A
9 GOOD DAY.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
14 AND ACCORDING TO THIS BUDGET, SACHI MENTIONED 108,000 BUDGETED
15 POSITIONS, OVER 108,000 BUDGETED POSITIONS. BUT HOW MANY OF
16 THOSE WOULD BE FILLED? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED CUTTING
17 SOME BUDGETED POSITIONS, BUT THEY WERE UNFILLED. SO THE MONEY
18 THAT YOU STASHED AWAY IN THESE UNFILLED BUDGETED POSITIONS, WE
19 DON'T GET AN IDEA OF WHAT THAT IS. YOUR PROGRESS MADE, THE
20 HIGHER CREDIT RATING WAS DUE TO THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARD
21 ADDRESSING THE COUNTY'S UNFUNDED LIABILITY. SO FOR ALL THE
22 YEARS YOU DID NOT ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S UNFUNDED LIABILITY, SO
23 MUCH FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, BECAUSE YOU WERE PAYING MORE
24 MONEY. I MEAN, YOU WEREN'T ADDRESSING IT, SO YOU'D HAVE TO PAY
25 HIGHER IN CREDIT RATINGS. THERE WAS AN INTERESTING STORY A

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1 COUPLE WEEKS AGO ABOUT GEORGIA FILM PRODUCTION IN THE CIVILIAN
2 RIGHTS. AND IT MENTIONED THAT IN 2007, THIS IS TO ADDRESS YOU,
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THEY HAD \$132.7 MILLION. LAST YEAR IT WENT
4 TO \$1.7 BILLION. YOU KNOW, I DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES, BUT I
5 EXPECT MY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO UNDERSTAND WHEN JOBS ARE
6 LEAVING THE STATE, TO TAKE SOME ACTION. WHEN IT GOES UP \$1.5
7 BILLION IN FIVE YEARS, I EXPECT SOMETHING FROM MY ELECTED
8 OFFICIALS, NOT SOME YAPPING ALL THE TIME. THE GIVE-AWAYS TO
9 DEVELOPERS, WHEN WE HAD C.R.A. PROGRAMS IN EFFECT, AFFORDABLE
10 HOUSING ALL OVER, YET NONE WAS EVER BUILT. NOW THAT C.R.A. IS
11 NOT IN EFFECT, THERE'S LIKE 100 PROJECTS IN DOWNTOWN L.A. IN
12 2003, MAYOR HAHN MADE A PROPOSAL ABOUT A HOMELESS INITIATIVE
13 THAT WOULD HAVE COST \$2 BILLION. THE PLAN WAS TOO EXPENSIVE.
14 THE HOMELESSNESS DIDN'T GO AWAY. THE PLAN WENT AWAY. SO, WHEN
15 YOU TALK ABOUT ALL THESE THINGS THAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR,
16 WHAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR IS TAKING SOME ACTION, AND WHAT WE
17 NEED SOME IS SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

20
21 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, JOSEPH MAIZLISH. I APPRECIATE
22 NOT ONLY THE BUDGET, THE WORK THAT WENT INTO IT, BUT SOME OF
23 THE REMARKS, THE C.E.O.'S REMARKS, MS. HAMAI, ABOUT MUCH MORE
24 IS NEEDED, SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S REMARKS ABOUT MAYBE WE COULD DO
25 WITH DOUBLE THAT. THIS SHORTFALL HURTS PEOPLE. I HEAR THE TALK

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1 ABOUT A RAINY DAY FUND. WHEN THE GOVERNOR ADDED TO HIS RAINY
2 DAY FUND IN ONE OF HIS BUDGETS, I AND SOME OTHERS
3 DEMONSTRATING WHEN HE ANNOUNCED HIS JANUARY BUDGET
4 ANNOUNCEMENT HAD A SIGN THAT SAYS "IT IS RAINING," BECAUSE IT
5 IS RAINING ON MANY RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY, AND WE SHOULD FEEL
6 THAT RAIN EVEN IF WE HAVE A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS. BUT I'M GLAD
7 THAT YOU'RE ACCELERATING WHAT'S BEING DONE IN SOME OF THESE
8 AREAS. WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO GET MORE? THE C.E.O.
9 REPORTED NO STATE IMPACT ON THE BUDGET. WELL, I THINK THERE
10 SHOULD BE A STATE IMPACT. I THINK THE STATE SHOULD BE ADDING
11 TO THE BUDGET. THAT MEANS BOTHERING SOME OF THE TAXPAYERS.
12 WELL, WHICH ONES AND HOW MUCH? AND WHO ARE THE TAXPAYERS? ARE
13 THEY PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON ANOTHER PLANET? THEY'RE YOU AND
14 THEY'RE ME. AND DO WE WANT TO HAVE A SOCIETY THAT INCLUDES ALL
15 OF US IN IT? WE ARE ALL ONE AS WELL AS BEING INDIVIDUALS AND
16 WE SHOULD BE READY TO PAY FOR THAT, THOSE WHO CAN. AND OF
17 COURSE IT HAS TO BE FAIRLY APPORTIONED, BUT IT'S NEEDED,
18 BECAUSE THE PRIVATE SYSTEM DOES NOT SUPPLY THIS NEED. I WISH
19 IT DID. THAT WOULD MAKE THINGS SIMPLER. I REMEMBER, AND MAYBE
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DOES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKING SOME OF
21 US PEOPLE OPPOSIGN THE CUTS IN G.R. IN 1993. "WELL, WHERE
22 SHOULD I CUT," SHE SAID? "OKAY. EVERYBODY COMES HERE AND SAYS
23 WE NEED MORE FOR THIS. WHERE SHOULD I CUT?" VERY REASONABLE.
24 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THE COUNTY USE ITS LOBBYING FORCE
25 TO ADVOCATE WITH THOSE LEGISLATORS FROM OUR COUNTY AND STATE

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1 GOVERNMENT GENERALLY TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AND SUPPLY AND GET
2 FAIRLY FROM WHERE THE WEALTH OF CALIFORNIA TO SUPPLY THOSE
3 NEEDS THAT YOU'VE ALL IDENTIFIED AND THAT..

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** ..AND THAT IN ALMOST EVERY REMARK YOU DISCUSS
8 THE SHORTFALL IN THOSE. THAT'S GOING TO BE A STATE AND A
9 COUNTY THAT WORKS TOGETHER.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THE BUDGET ITEM, 50, IS
16 BEFORE US, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S
17 ABSTENTION. I BELIEVE WITH THAT, IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED. SUCH WILL
19 BE THE ORDER. CONGRATULATIONS. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP
20 ITEM 49, WAGE THEFT. WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM I'D
21 LIKE TO CALL UP: RUSTY HICKS, FAUSTO HERNANDEZ, DUSTAN BARTON.
22 BATTON, I'M SORRY, NOT BARTON. BATTON. THANK YOU FOR BEARING
23 WITH US. IT'S BEEN A LONG MORNING. 2 MINUTES EACH FOR EACH
24 SPEAKER. MR. HICKS, WELCOME.

25

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1 **RUSTY HICKS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD. I'M RUSTY HICKS. I'M[WITH THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION
3 OF LABOR REPRESENTING 800,000 HARD-WORKING MEN AND WOMEN ALL
4 ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ON EQUAL PAY DAY, WE
5 RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT A FAIR DAY'S WORK
6 DESERVES A FAIR DAY'S WAGE, WHETHER YOU'RE A WOMAN OR A MAN.
7 IT'S FRANKLY SHAMEFUL THAT A WOMAN IS ONLY PAID 79 CENTS FOR
8 WORK THAT EARNS A MAN A DOLLAR. FOR WOMEN OF COLOR, THE
9 BARRIER IS EVEN HIGHER, 60 CENTS FOR AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN
10 WOMAN, 55 CENTS FOR A LATINA WOMAN. YET MANY OF THESE VERY
11 SAME WOMEN FILL THE RANKS OF LOW-WAGE INDUSTRIES. TOURISM,
12 HOSPITALITY, PERSONAL CARE, HOME CARE, RETAIL, FOOD SERVICE,
13 AND MANY OTHERS. BUT FOR MANY, THE BARRIERS ARE EVEN HIGHER
14 AND THE HOLE IS EVEN DEEPER, BECAUSE MANY OF THESE VERY SAME
15 WORKERS EXPERIENCE AND ARE VULNERABLE TO ALL SORTS OF WAGE
16 THEFT. IN THE CITY OF L.A. ALONE, IT ACCOUNTS FOR NEARLY
17 \$26,000,000. \$1.4 BILLION IS STOLEN EACH AND EVERY WEEK. YOU
18 KNOW, THIS BODY HAS LED THE WAY IN RAISING THE WAGE TO \$15 AN
19 HOUR IN A HISTORIC VOTE. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS REALLY
20 FOLLOWED YOUR LEAD. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR, CHAIRWOMAN
21 SOLIS AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
22 ON PUTTING TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE WAGE ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL
23 AND PACKAGE TO ENSURE THAT ON EQUAL PAY DAY, WE NOT ONLY PASS
24 THE POLICY TO ENFORCE THE WAGE FOR ALL WORKING ANGELENOS,

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1 WHETHER YOU'RE A WOMAN OR A MAN, WORKERS OF EVERY COLOR AND
2 IMMIGRANTS FROM EVERY COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **DUSTAN BATTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DUSTAN BATTON WITH BIZFED,
7 THE LOS COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, A GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE OF
8 OVER 150 TOP BUSINESS GROUPS REPRESENTING 275,000 EMPLOYERS
9 WITH 3 MILLION EMPLOYEES ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. IT IS VITAL THAT
10 L.A. COUNTY'S WAGE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE STRIKE THE RIGHT
11 BALANCE THAT ENSURES WORKERS GET THE WAGES THEY ARE ENTITLED
12 TO WHILE ALSO PROTECTING THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES
13 WHO TRYING TO DO RIGHT BY THEIR EMPLOYEES. WE APPRECIATE THE
14 WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS ORDINANCE AND ESPECIALLY
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND HER STAFF ACTIVELY SEEKING OUT AND
16 INCORPORATING INPUT FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. BY PROVIDING
17 A REAL-WORLD PERSPECTIVE ON ISSUES LIKE PAYROLL MANAGEMENT,
18 FOR EXAMPLE, BIZFED MEMBERS HAVE DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO AND
19 IMPROVED THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU.
20 THROUGH THAT KIND OF DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION, THE END
21 RESULT IS A REASONABLE, BALANCED ORDINANCE. OF COURSE, OUR
22 WORK DOESN'T END WITH THE ORDINANCE ITSELF. AS COUNTY STAFF
23 DEVELOPS RULES TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROVISIONS, WE LOOK FORWARD
24 TO CONTINUED DIALOG AND COLLABORATION TO ENSURE THE DETAILS
25 ARE RIGHT. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES ARE WELL-

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1 MEANING EMPLOYERS AND JOB CREATORS, AND IT WILL TAKE ONGOING
2 COLLABORATION TO ENSURE THAT THEY DON'T GET HAMSTRUNG BY RULES
3 INTENDED TO GET THE BAD ACTORS. WE ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE
4 ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER
5 LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING
6 TOGETHER MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

11

12 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FAUSTO HERNANDEZ
13 GARCIA, AND I WORK IN A CAR WASH.

14

15 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

16

17 **INTERPRETER:** I WASHED CARS FOR EIGHT YEARS.

18

19 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** AND I AM HERE TO ASK FOR THIS ORDINANCE THAT'S
22 PASSED, TO PASS IT IN EVERY COUNTY.

23

24 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

25

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1 **INTERPRETER:** AND I HAVE LIVED THIS. IN 2011, WE MADE A CLAIM
2 THROUGH KING CAR WASH.

3

4 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

5

6 **INTERPRETER:** AND THE CLAIM WAS WON IN 2014 FOR \$53,000.

7

8 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

9

10 **INTERPRETER:** AND I HAVE YET TO SEE A PENNY.

11

12 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

13

14 **INTERPRETER:** AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING TO HAVE THIS ORDINANCE
15 PASSED IN EVERY CITY AND EVERY COUNTY.

16

17 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

18

19 **INTERPRETER:** BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCRIMINATION FROM
20 OUR BOSSES.

21

22 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

23

24 **INTERPRETER:** AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE, SO THE AUTHORITIES
25 CAN SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING.

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2 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

3

4 **INTERPRETER:** BECAUSE I HAVE MANY FRIENDS AND COWORKERS THAT
5 WORK IN DIFFERENT CITIES AND THEY DON'T GET PAID WHAT THE
6 MINIMUM WAGE IS.

7

8 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

9

10 **INTERPRETER:** I HAVE WORKED WHERE IT'S GO IN AT 9 AND IT'S 12
11 AND THE BOSS TELLS ME GO HOME.

12

13 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

14

15 **INTERPRETER:** THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN
16 PASS THAT ORDINANCE IN ALL THE CITIES, AS WELL.

17

18 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

19

20 **INTERPRETER:** THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND HEARING WHAT'S GOING
21 ON WITH THE CAR WASH.

22

23 **FAUSTO HERNANDEZ GARCIA:** [SPEAKING SPANISH.]

24

25 **INTERPRETER:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. OKAY. WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS
3 ON THIS ITEM. JOHN HOWLAND, SANDRA MALDONADO, ROBERT NOTHOFF.
4 GO AHEAD, SIR.

5

6 **JOHN HOWLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHN HOWLAND WITH THE
7 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. I'D LIKE TO SECOND MY COLLEAGUE
8 DUSTAN BATTON'S COMPLEMENTS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO YOUR STAFF.
9 WE APPRECIATE WORKING WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE. C.C.A. SUPPORTS
10 ENFORCING WAGE-THEFT LAWS AND HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE THOSE PEOPLE
11 AND BUSINESSES WHO STEAL FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES. WAGE THEFT IS A
12 CRIME, AND IT PUTS BUSINESS THAT OBEY THE LAW AT A COMPETITIVE
13 DISADVANTAGE. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT BUSINESSES ARE
14 AWARE OF THE CHANGING MINIMUM WAGE IN THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS
15 OF THE COUNTY. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION TO BUSINESS, ESPECIALLY
16 SMALL BUSINESSES AND THOSE HEADQUARTERS OUT OF THE COUNTY, IS
17 VITAL TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THESE NEW LAWS AND TO HELP THEM
18 COMPLY. THE GOAL IS TO GET EVERYONE TO FOLLOW THE LAW AND NOT
19 JUST TO PLAY GOTCHA. AGAIN, COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO
20 DELIBERATELY BREAK THE LAW AND STEAL FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES
21 SHOULD BE PUNISHED. BUT EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE LEGITIMATE
22 MISTAKES SHOULD NOT BEAR THE BRUNT OF A PUNITIVE LAW AIMED AT
23 EGREGIOUS ACTIONS. THIS ORDINANCE NEEDS AN IMPLEMENTATION
24 PROCESS THAT REACHES OUT TO EMPLOYERS AS ROBUSTLY AS IT DOES
25 TO THE WORKFORCE. LET'S CREATE A SYSTEM THAT PROTECTS BOTH

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1 EMPLOYEES AND THE EMPLOYERS WHO ARE TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT
2 THING. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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6 **SANDRA MALDONADO:** HI. MY NAME IS SANDRA MALDONADO. I'M A
7 CASHIER FOR SODEXHO AT KECK HOSPITAL U.S.C. I HAVE WORKED
8 THERE FOR OVER FIVE YEARS. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
9 UNION FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY
10 COWORKERS WHO ARE SEEKING A FAIR CONTRACT THAT INCLUDES A
11 MINIMUM WAGE OF \$15 PER HOUR WITH OUR EMPLOYER AND U.S.C.
12 SUBCONTRACTOR SODEXHO. MANY OF US DO NOT RECEIVE AFFORDABLE
13 HEALTHCARE AND ARE MAKING AS LITTLE AS \$10 PER HOUR. BECAUSE
14 OF THE LITTLE PAY AND BENEFITS WE RECEIVE FROM SODEXHO, MANY
15 OF MY COWORKERS DO NOT HAVE -- HAVE TO RELY ON FOOD STAMPS,
16 MEDICARE, AND HOUSING TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES. FOR
17 ALMOST A YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN BARGAINING FOR LIVABLE WAGES,
18 AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER
19 ESSENTIAL BENEFITS, WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE OUR NEED FOR PUBLIC
20 ASSISTANCE. KECK HOSPITAL OF U.S.C. HAS THE ABILITY TO ENSURE
21 THAT THE SUBCONTRACTOR SODEXHO PROVIDES WORKERS WITH LIVABLE
22 WAGES, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, AND OTHER VITAL BENEFITS.
23 SPECIFICALLY, U.S.C. CONTROLS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH
24 SODEXHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY -- HOLDS THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR.
25 SODEXHO AND U.S.C. HAVE A COMBINED ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$28

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1 BILLION, WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THEY CAN IMPROVE OUR WORKING
2 CONDITIONS. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE WEALTHIEST UNIVERSITY
3 IN THE U.S. IS ONLY PAYING \$10 PER HOUR? HOW IS IT POSSIBLE
4 THAT THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, U.C.L.A., AND
5 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEMS PAY COWORKERS -- THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYBE WE CAN HAVE THAT SUBMITTED FOR THE
11 RECORD.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU -- MA'AM, YOU CAN TURN IN
14 YOUR TESTIMONY IF YOU WANT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S INTERESTING HOW WE HAD A VISIT
19 TODAY FROM U.S.C.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER.

24

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1 **ROBERT NOTHOFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME SPEAKER AND BOARD
2 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ROB NOTHOFF. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE
3 RAISE THE WAGE COALITION, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU
4 FOR BRINGING FORWARD TODAY'S ITEM. AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS JUST
5 UNDER A YEAR AGO THAT YOU DECIDED TO RAISE THE WAGE TO \$15 AN
6 HOUR FOR 155,000 WORKERS ACROSS THE COUNTY, WHICH IS AN
7 AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT. AND YOU REALLY LED THE WAY IN LAST
8 WEEK'S HISTORIC SIGNING BY GOVERNOR BROWN TO RAISE THE MINIMUM
9 WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR STATEWIDE, RIGHT? BUT WHAT GOOD IS A
10 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IF WORKERS AREN'T PAID WHAT THEY'RE SAID
11 TO BE PAID? IN BRINGING FORWARD TODAY'S ITEM, YOU'RE BASICALLY
12 RESTORING AND UPHOLDING AN AGE-OLD VALUE THAT WE HOLD NEAR AND
13 DEAR TO OUR HEARTS, WHICH IS AN HONEST DAY'S WORK FOR AN
14 HONEST DAY'S PAY AND MAKING SURE THAT NOBODY WHO WORKS FULL-
15 TIME SHOULD BE FORCED TO LIVE IN POVERTY. TODAY'S ORDINANCE IS
16 GOOD FOR WORKERS, IT'S GOOD FOR BUSINESSES, AND IT'S GOOD FOR
17 THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE. WORKERS WILL BENEFIT BECAUSE THEY WILL
18 BE ABLE TO BE PAID FOR THEIR WORK AND FOR THEIR LABOR AND THEY
19 WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP FOOD ON THEIR TABLE AND NOT HAVE TO WORRY
20 ABOUT KEEPING A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD. BUSINESSES WILL BENEFIT,
21 BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT UNSCRUPULOUS LOW-ROAD
22 EMPLOYERS WHO WILL BE KIND OF UNDERMINING THEM AND
23 ESTABLISHING A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE BY NOT PAYING THEIR
24 EMPLOYEES. AND AGAIN, AS WAS MENTIONED A LITTLE BIT EARLIER,
25 L.A. UNFORTUNATELY HAS THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF BEING THE

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1 WAGE-THEFT CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY, AS WE LOSE \$26 MILLION A
2 WEEK DUE TO WAGE THEFT, AND TODAY'S ORDINANCE WOULD REALLY
3 HELP PUT A DENT AND REALLY CURB -- AND CURBING THAT, THAT LOST
4 REVENUE. SO AGAIN, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS
5 ITEM FORWARD. WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS, AND YOU HAVE THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO, AGAIN, BE LEADERS IN MOVING US FORWARD AND
7 ESTABLISHING WHAT THE REST OF THE SURROUNDING CITIES AND
8 COUNTIES SHOULD BE DOING IN REGARDS TO WAGE THEFT. THANK YOU
9 VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER IS MAEGAN ORTIZ,
12 STEVE TSOU, SHERRI BELL, HECTOR NEGRETE, STEPHANIE LOPEZ,
13 ARNOLD SACHS. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

14

15 **MAEGAN ORTIZ:** HI, YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MAEGAN
16 ORTIZ. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EL INSTITUTO DE EDUCACION
17 POPULAR DEL SUR DE CALIFORNIA, KNOWN AS I.D.E.P.S.C.A. WE WORK
18 WITH DAY LABORERS AND HOUSEHOLD WORKERS ACROSS LOS ANGELES,
19 AND TODAY WE WANT TO COME IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE,
20 ESPECIALLY FOR DAY LABORERS AND HOUSEHOLD WORKERS WHO AREN'T
21 CURRENTLY EVEN MAKING THE CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE. THIS ORDINANCE
22 REALLY IS A STEP FORWARD IN PROTECTING THE UPCOMING INCREASE
23 IN THE MINIMUM WAGE, ENFORCING THAT, AND OBVIOUSLY COLLECTING.
24 WE ALREADY KNOW THAT ABOUT \$83 MILLION IN STOLEN WAGES IS
25 NEVER COLLECTED, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE JUDGMENTS. SO THIS

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1 ORDINANCE REALLY IS A STEP FORWARD. AND FOR MANY OF OUR DAY
2 LABORERS AND HOUSEHOLD WORKERS, NOT GETTING THAT ONE DAY'S
3 WORTH OF PAY REALLY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING HOMELESS
4 OR NOT. SO THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL AND REALLY CONNECTS WITH
5 MANY OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE'VE HEARD TODAY IN FRONT OF
6 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO WE WANT TO COMMEND THE COUNTY FOR
7 THEIR WORK ON THIS AND STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS ORDINANCE
8 FOR ALL DAY LABORERS AND HOUSEHOLD WORKERS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **SHERRI BELL:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
13 NAME IS SHERRI WITH THE BLACK WORKERS CENTER AND THE COALITION
14 AGAINST WAGE THEFT. AND I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO ECHO AND
15 CONGRATULATE YOU GUYS ON TAKING A COURAGEOUS STEP IN PUTTING
16 FORTH AN ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE WAGE THEFT. AS YOU KNOW, WAGE
17 THEFT IS A CRIME. IT HURTS ONE IN THREE WORKERS, WHO DO NOT
18 CURRENTLY MAKE THE MINIMUM WAGE. AND ANYTIME A WORKER DOES NOT
19 GET WAGES THAT THEY ARE PAID, IT ROBS -- NOT ONLY ROBS
20 THEMSELVES, IT ROBS THEIR FAMILIES, IT ROBS OUR COMMUNITY, AND
21 IT ROBS THE COUNTY OF \$26 MILLION PER WEEK. WE ALSO KNOW THAT
22 WAGE THEFT AND DISCRIMINATION GO HAND-IN-HAND. BLACK WORKERS
23 ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AT TWICE THE AMOUNT OF WHITE WORKERS AS
24 VICTIMS OF WAGE THEFT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE SAME EMPLOYERS
25 WHO EXCLUDE ALSO EXPLOIT VULNERABLE WORKFORCES. AND WE KNOW

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1 THAT WITH THE LACK OF ENFORCEMENT, IT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE
2 BLACK JOBS CRISIS, WHERE 50 PERCENT OF BLACK WORKERS IN L.A.
3 COUNTY ARE EITHER NOT WORKING AT ALL OR ARE WORKING BELOW \$12
4 AND HOUR OR LESS. SO A POLICY LIKE THIS IS CRUCIAL TO CHANGE
5 IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT LOW-WAGE WORKERS ARE
6 THE WORKERS WHO KEEP THIS ECONOMY AFLOAT, AND THE MORE MONEY
7 THAT ARE IN OUR POCKETS, YOU KNOW, AS WORKERS WILL BENEFIT THE
8 COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE RUBBER TO MEET THE
9 ROAD, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THE RECENTLY PASSED
10 MINIMUM WAGE A REALITY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
15 SACHS. THIS WAGE THEFT PART, I'M A LITTLE LOST HERE. WHAT IS
16 THE PENALTY? WOULD THAT BECOME A MISDEMEANOR AND THE CITY
17 ATTORNEY WOULD FILE CHARGES? OR WOULD IT BECOME A FELONY AND
18 THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WOULD FILE THE CHARGES? YOU ARE
19 HERE IN THIS ORDINANCE, THIS NUMBER MENTIONED, "ENFORCEMENT OF
20 THE COUNTY MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE TO PAY QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES
21 NO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED IN THE ORDINANCE," UNLESS, OF
22 COURSE, THEY'RE A UNION MEMBER AND THEY'RE COVERED BY AN
23 ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWS UNION MEMBERS TO BE PAID LESS MONEY, AS
24 THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN YESTERDAY'S L.A. TIMES TALKED ABOUT
25 WHERE HOTEL WORKERS WERE GETTING LIKE \$11 OR \$12 AT THE

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1 SHERATON UNIVERSAL. AND SOME PEOPLE WERE SAYING THEY'RE NOT
2 GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE. BUT DON'T
3 WORRY, IT WILL COME DOWN THE HIGHWAY. SO, AGAIN, THE PENALTIES
4 FOR THE WAGE THEFT, WE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. DO
5 PEOPLE FILE CHARGES? DO THEY GO TO THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S
6 OFFICE AND FILE THE CHARGES? THERE IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT
7 THERE. SOMEBODY TALKED ABOUT HOW THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN PAY,
8 BETWEEN MALES AND FEMALES. I DON'T NECESSARILY SEE WHY YOU
9 WOULD NEED AN ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM. WHAT YOU
10 WOULD NEED IS SOME POLITICIANS WITH SOME BACKBONE TO ADDRESS
11 THAT PROBLEM. BUT THAT WAS ANOTHER STORY ALL THE WAY DOWN THE
12 HIGHWAY. YOU NEED TO REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT'S BEING SAID
13 AND WHAT'S ACTUALLY WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD, BECAUSE
14 THERE IS NO ENFORCEMENT HERE, PER SE, ON WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE.
15 OTHERWISE, THE PEOPLE AT THE PORTS, I MEAN, DOES IT HAPPEN IN
16 ALL THE PORTS IN CALIFORNIA? DOES IT HAPPEN IN ALL THE PORTS
17 IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE THE TRUCKERS ARE INDEPENDENT
18 CONTRACTORS? ADDRESS EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION SOMEHOW --

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STEVE TSOU, HECTOR NEGRETE, STEPHANIE
21 LOPEZ. ALREADY CALLED THEIR NAME ONCE. TWICE. OKAY. THEY'RE
22 NOT HERE. SO NOTED. OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM 49, WAGE THEFT,
23 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SOLIS. AND
24 ONE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAS SOME QUESTIONS FOR..

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** BRIAN.

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ..BRIAN STIGER.

4

5 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE ALL AGREE THAT WAGE THEFT IS
6 IRRESPONSIBLE AND BUSINESSES THAT SHORTCHANGE EMPLOYEES OUGHT
7 TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. HOWEVER, THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES
8 PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE THAT COULD HAVE A DEVASTATING
9 IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES. HOW DOES THE COUNTY ENFORCE THE
10 WAGE-THEFT ORDINANCE? WHAT TYPE OF ENFORCEMENT APPROACH ARE WE
11 TALKING ABOUT? AND HOW DOES YOUR OFFICE HELP BUSINESSES COME
12 INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE OR THE APPROACH SO THAT
13 THEY WILL BE TOTALLY UPSTANDING OF THE LAW?

14

15 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. BRIAN STIGER, DIRECTOR,
16 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WE HAVE TAKEN A
17 VERY DELIBERATE APPROACH, SUPERVISOR, TO ESTABLISH AN
18 ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM THAT IS BASED ON EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT.
19 WE ARE OUT RIGHT NOW VISITING WITH BUSINESSES, LETTING THEM
20 KNOW WHAT THE ORDINANCE, WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE UNDER
21 THE ORDINANCE, AND HOW THEY CAN REMAIN IN COMPLIANCE. WE'RE
22 ALSO WORKING WITH WORKERS TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT THEIR RIGHTS
23 ARE UNDER THE LAW. SO WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS
24 ROUND TABLES AROUND EACH OF THE DISTRICTS TO GET ADVICE AND
25 SUGGESTIONS FROM BUSINESSES. BUT OUR GOAL, OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

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1 IS TO MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES
2 ARE. AND THEN IF THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING, WE WILL
3 BE TAKING A PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE APPROACH TO MAKING SURE
4 THAT WORKERS ARE PAID AND BACK WAGES ARE PAID AND PEOPLE ARE
5 HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
8 CURRENTLY AND THE STATE AGENCIES HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAGE
9 THEFT ISSUES IS ONE REASON WHY IT WAS OPPOSED TO THE COUNTY
10 DOING IT, BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
11 INVOLVED THAT WE ARE PAYING TAXES TO ENFORCE THIS ORDINANCE.
12 SO HOW ARE THE ALLEGATIONS OF WAGE THEFT CURRENTLY BEING HELD
13 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND HOW IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
14 STATE GOVERNMENT HANDLING THOSE?

15

16 **BRIAN STIGER:** SO EVERY COMPLAINT THAT COMES INTO THE
17 DEPARTMENT ACTUALLY GOES THROUGH AN ANALYSIS AND A TRIAGE
18 PROCESS. WE FIGURE OUT IF IT'S A FEDERAL ISSUE, THEN WE WILL
19 REFER THAT COMPLAINT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. IF IT'S
20 A STATE ISSUE, THEN WE WILL REFER IT TO THE LABOR
21 COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE WAGE? LET'S SAY, HOW
24 MUCH WAGE-THEFT ENFORCEMENT WILL IT COST THE COUNTY?

25

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1 **BRIAN STIGER:** WE ARE PROJECTING -- CURRENT PROJECTIONS ARE
2 ABOUT A MILLION AND A HALF A YEAR.

3

4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** MILLION AND A HALF. AND WHAT IS THE
5 IMPLEMENTATION TIME FOR THIS ORDINANCE?

6

7 **BRIAN STIGER:** SO WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A TRANSITION PLAN
8 SINCE DECEMBER. WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THE ENFORCEMENT PART
9 OF IT BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2016. BUT AGAIN, WE'RE OUT IN THE
10 COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW EDUCATING WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ON THE
11 ORDINANCE.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND JUST THE REASON, THIS \$1.5
14 MILLION IS COMING FROM THE COUNTY FUND, WHEREAS THE STATE AND
15 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE ALREADY PAYING, USING YOUR TAX DOLLARS
16 TO ENFORCE THIS LAW. THAT HAS TO BE ENFORCED AND IS IT
17 RESPONSIBLE THAT THE FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES DO THAT, BUT
18 THAT \$1.5 MILLION, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE BETTER SPENT IN
19 OTHER AREAS THAT THE COUNTY IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THAT
20 COULD HELP, SUCH AS SOME OF THE UNFUNDED MANDATES THAT WE
21 RIGHT NOW ARE BEING FORCED TO PAY FOR. BUT THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BRIAN, I HAVE A QUESTION. WE HEARD
25 FROM SEVERAL WITNESSES ABOUT THE LOSS OF WAGES. AND THAT --

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1 CAN YOU KIND OF GO OVER THAT AMOUNT AGAIN, WEEKLY AS WELL AS
2 ANNUALLY THAT THE COUNTY LOSES OUT ON?

3

4 **BRIAN STIGER:** SO WHAT WE'VE BEEN TOLD AND THROUGH OUR
5 RESEARCH, WE HAVE FOUND THAT APPROXIMATELY \$26 MILLION A WEEK
6 IS BEING WITHHELD FROM WORKERS IN L.A. COUNTY.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IN L.A. COUNTY?

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10 **BRIAN STIGER:** IN L.A. COUNTY.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SO, \$1.5 MILLION, WE WOULD
13 ACTUALLY BE, IF WE WERE OUT ENFORCING AND WORKING WITH THE
14 STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAGE AN
15 HOUR, WE COULD READ THAT AMOUNT OF SEVERAL MILLIONS THAT WOULD
16 SURPASS THE AMOUNT THAT WE'RE PUTTING IN A VERY TINY BIT TO
17 RECUPERATE THE WAY -- IS THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT. IT'S A GAIN
18 FOR THE COUNTY TO HELP US WITH OUR OTHER UNFUNDED MANDATES.
19 AND WE JUST HEARD FROM A WITNESS THAT SPOKE ABOUT NOT BEING
20 PAID LIVABLE WAGES, WHERE THEY HAVE TO GO AND SEEK FOOD STAMPS
21 AND OTHER ASSISTANCE, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT BEING PAID WAGES
22 THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN A FAMILY. SO, I MEAN, I JUST
23 WANT YOUR COMMENTS. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN HEARING?

24

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1 **BRIAN STIGER:** WELL, CERTAINLY IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT WHEN
2 WE BEGIN ENFORCEMENT IN JULY, THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A
3 TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. I
4 SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CITIES THAT
5 HAVE ALSO CONTACTED US TO SEE IF WE COULD ENFORCE THEIR OWN
6 ORDINANCE. SO WE THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A POSITIVE
7 IMPACT ON THIS ISSUE.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AM I UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU'VE
10 ALREADY HELD SEVERAL FORUMS WITH BUSINESSES TO GAIN THEIR
11 COOPERATION? AND TODAY WE HEARD FROM BIZFED AND ALSO FROM THE
12 DOWNTOWN ORGANIZATION BUSINESS, CAROL SCHATZ'S ORGANIZATION,
13 THAT ARE ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE? SO WE HAVE SUPPORT
14 FROM BUSINESSES?

15

16 **BRIAN STIGER:** YES, THAT IS CORRECT. I KNOW A LOT OF BUSINESSES
17 ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, AND THEY
18 BELIEVE THAT THIS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WILL ACTUALLY HELP THEM
19 COMPETE WITH THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE VIOLATING THE LAWS
20 RIGHT NOW. AND I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY NEGATIVE COMMENTS FROM
21 BUSINESSES. WHAT THEY BASICALLY SAID IS JUST BE FAIR ABOUT IT.
22 MAKE SURE YOU ARE EDUCATING US. AND I'VE COMMITTED TO DOING
23 THAT.

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A LOT OF
2 YOUR WORK THAT HAS CURRENTLY EXISTED EVEN BEFORE WE BROUGHT
3 THIS ORDINANCE BEFORE THE BOARD WAS THAT MANY OF THE
4 COMPLAINTS THAT DO COME TO YOU TO YOUR OFFICE, YOU THEN HAND
5 THEM OVER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MIKE FEUER'S FOR
6 ACTUAL, YOU KNOW, INVESTIGATION, THOROUGH OR FOR ANY CRIMINAL
7 OR CIVIL LIABILITIES.

8

9 **BRIAN STIGER:** CERTAINLY IN THOSE AREAS LIKE IMMIGRATION FRAUD,
10 WE WILL DO THE INVESTIGATIVE WORK AND THEN PASS THAT REPORT ON
11 TO MR. FEUER'S OFFICE. AND IN MANY INSTANCES, HE HAS GONE ON
12 AND INITIATED PROSECUTION AGAINST THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SO I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT
15 HERE IS THAT WE REALLY UNDERSTAND THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE'RE
16 DEVELOPING BOTH WITH THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR AND WHAT THAT
17 MEANS FOR US IN GETTING A RETURN, OBVIOUSLY MANY-FOLD OVER IF
18 WE CAN COLLECT THOSE WAGES, THE BACK WAGES. THIS IS A NATIONAL
19 PROBLEM. BUT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR L.A. COUNTY TO STEP UP.
20 SO I THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND YOUR OFFICE
21 FOR DOING SOME STELLAR WORK OUT THERE WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS AS
22 WE MOVE THIS ALONG.

23

24 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MR. DIRECTOR, IS
4 IT NOT THE CASE THAT WE DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW ALL OF THE
5 DIFFERENT BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS?

6

7 **BRIAN STIGER:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND DO THEY, THE BUSINESSES THAT WE
10 KNOW ABOUT, DO THEY PAY ANY REGISTRATION FEE LIKE THEY DO IN
11 ALMOST ALL OF OUR CITIES?

12

13 **BRIAN STIGER:** SO, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND THIS IS MORE OF
14 A TREASURER-TAX ISSUE, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ABOUT
15 HALF OF THE BUSINESSES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE
16 LICENSED BY THE COUNTY AND THEN PAY SOME TYPE OF A LICENSING
17 FEE.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU THINK IT'S AS MANY AS HALF?

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21 **BRIAN STIGER:** PARDON ME?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU THINK IT'S AS MANY AS HALF.

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1 **BRIAN STIGER:** ABOUT HALF. THAT'S WHAT I'M TOLD. OH, AND HERE
2 HE IS HERE.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND HERE HE IS HERE.

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6 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, GOOD MORNING -- GOOD
7 AFTERNOON. JOE KELLY, TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR. YES, WE
8 ESTIMATED IN A RECENT REPORT TO THE BOARD THAT PROBABLY ABOUT
9 HALF OF THE BUSINESSES THAT COULD BE OPERATING WITHIN THE
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO OUR LICENSING
11 REQUIREMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WOULD IT HELP US IN OUR ATTEMPT TO PAY
14 ATTENTION TO WAGE ENFORCEMENT IF WE ACTUALLY KNEW ALL THE
15 BUSINESSES THAT WERE OPERATING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,
16 BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT TO DO
17 ENFORCEMENT IF YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW -- WE UNDERSTAND THOSE
18 WE'RE LICENSING. BUT EVERYTHING ELSE -- AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW
19 IF WE KNOW THAT IT'S HALF OF THE BUSINESSES OPERATING,
20 BECAUSE, FOR INSTANCE, IN-HOME BUSINESSES THAT ARE AT LEAST
21 REGISTERED IN MOST OF OUR CITIES, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT
22 THAT.

23

24 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU ARE CORRECT. IT WAS VERY
25 RARE IN TERMS OF OUR SURVEY OF THE UNINCORPORATED CITIES THAT

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1 THERE WAS NOT A MECHANISM IN PLACE FOR THE CITY TO DETERMINE
2 ACTUALLY WHO WAS DOING BUSINESS IN THE JURISDICTION AND WHAT
3 THEY WERE DOING.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, MR. KELLY, I'M SORRY, A DOUBLE NEGATIVE
6 THERE. IT WAS VERY RARE FOR THE CITIES NOT TO BE REGISTERING
7 THEM.

8

9 **JOSEPH KELLY:** MOST CITIES KNEW WHO THEIR BUSINESSES WERE AND
10 WHAT THEY WERE DOING. SO IN OUR RECENT REPORT BACK TO YOUR
11 BOARD IN RESPONSE TO A BOARD MOTION, WE DID LAY OUT TWO
12 OPTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO GET TO THAT, IF YOU WILL. AND ONE
13 OPTION WAS EXPANSION OF THE CURRENT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.
14 AND THEN THE SECOND OPTION WAS A REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT,
15 WHICH WOULD BE A LESS -- WOULD BE A --

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CHEAPER.

18

19 **JOSEPH KELLY:** A CHEAPER, MORE SIMPLE PROCESS THROUGH WHICH WE
20 WOULD SIMPLY BE ABLE TO POPULATE DATABASES IN TERMS OF WHO
21 THESE BUSINESSES WERE, BUT WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE OTHER COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENTS, LIKE FIRE OR PUBLIC HEALTH, GO IN AND EVALUATE
23 THE BUSINESSES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH,
24 SAFETY AND WELFARE, WHICH HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN THE

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1 PREDOMINANT POLICY PERSPECTIVE BEHIND THE LICENSING
2 REQUIREMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD IN
5 THE FUTURE, AND WE'LL SEE, TO KNOW WHAT BUSINESSES ARE
6 OPERATING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, WHAT KINDS OF BUSINESS,
7 JUST TO GET THE DATA. SO I THINK THAT WOULD HELP, AS WELL,
8 BECAUSE THAT ALL CONTRIBUTES, THEN, IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
9 ENFORCEMENT, THERE MAY BE A LOT MORE THAT'S GOING ON. AND AS
10 THE MINIMUM WAGE IS ENFORCED, INCLUDING THE STATE, THEY'RE NOT
11 GOING TO BE REALLY LOOKING TO ENFORCE THEIR MINIMUM WAGE ALL
12 ACROSS THE STATE. SO I THINK IT WILL FALL TO THE COUNTY AT
13 LEAST TO DO SOME OF IT, AND PROBABLY GOOD FOR US. THE OTHER
14 THING IS, WHEN PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY PAID THE WAGES THEY'RE
15 OWED, THEY SPEND THEM. THIS IS PART OF THE DISCUSSION WE HAD
16 IN THE MINIMUM WAGE DEBATE, WHERE THAT ALSO HELPS SO MANY OF
17 THE BUSINESSES. AND IN THAT CASE, WE'RE NOT EVEN RAISING THE
18 MINIMUM WAGE, WE'RE SIMPLY SAYING PAY IT AND THERE WILL BE
19 MORE MONEY IN CIRCULATION FOR ALL THE BUSINESSES IN THE
20 COUNTY, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, ANY OTHER? NO FURTHER? WE HAVE
23 ONE COMMENT THAT I MISSED, A PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH, BRIAN AND YOUR STAFF, FOR THE GOOD WORK. DR. GENEVIEVE
25 CLAVREUL SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I THINK I CAN. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD
3 OF SUPERVISORS. DOCTOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M GLAD TO HEAR
4 THAT YOU GO TO LOOK AT WAGES, BECAUSE LIKE MYSELF, I AM IN
5 WORKMAN'S COMP. WE HAVE A COURT ORDER TO OBLIGE THE SEVENTH
6 DAY ADVENTISTS TO PAY ME FOR MY SALARY. THEY HAVE NOT PAID FOR
7 WEEKS, EVEN WITH COURT ORDER. THEY REFUSE TO PAY FOR ANY OF MY
8 MEDICATION. SO I THINK YOU SHOULD GO WITH ALL POWER AFTER
9 THOSE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT PAY THE WAGES, BECAUSE IF IT CAN
10 HAPPEN TO ME WITH MY EDUCATION AND MY CONTACT, I CAN IMAGINE
11 HOW MUCH IT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO RESOURCE. SO PLEASE
12 WORK VERY HARD ON THAT AND MAKE SURE IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS ITEM IS
15 BEFORE US, MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED, AND THERE IS ONE
16 VOTE NO. SO MEASURE PASSES BY 4-1. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH
17 WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE STAKEHOLDERS WHO
18 CAME OUT AND THE STAFF, BRIAN AND STAFF. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD JOB.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ITEM 51-A.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THAT WE GARNISH SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH'S CHECK, PLEASE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE SHOULD GARNISH IT WITH PAPRIKA
5 AND SOMETHING GREEN, MAYBE BROCCOLI.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL OF THAT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OREGANO.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH! [LAUGHTER.]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, I HELD BOTH THE PROP 47 MOTIONS. SO
14 ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE THEM BOTH UP? I MEAN, MY POINT IS, I
15 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GUYS BRING IT TOGETHER. YOU'RE BOTH ON THE
16 SAME MOTION. HOW THEY MELT THEM TOGETHER. I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND
17 WHAT WE WANT TO DO AS IT RELATES TO SAVINGS AND CREATE THE
18 METRICS AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. BUT I HAVE A
19 PROBLEM OF SUPPORTING ANY TYPE OF PARTICULAR SPECIFIC FUNDING
20 WITHOUT LOOKING AT EVERYTHING. I MEAN, I FEEL VERY STRONGLY IF
21 THERE'S ANY SAVINGS, THE MAJORITY OF THAT MONEY SHOULD GO TO
22 LAW ENFORCEMENT. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT, BUT MY
23 DISTRICT'S BEING BOMBARDED RIGHT NOW WITH PROP 47 KINDS OF
24 INCIDENTS FROM STOLEN CARS TO BREAK-INS. I MEAN, THEY'RE NOT
25 SERIOUS CRIMES, BUT, YOU KNOW, LIKE I TELL THE SHERIFF, WHEN

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1 THEY TELL ME, "WELL, CRIME'S DOWN HERE 5 PERCENT," I SAID IT'S
2 A MINOR CRIME UNTIL IT HAPPENS TO YOU. AND I HAD THE SITUATION
3 IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, TWO STOLEN AUTOMOBILES IN THE LAST THREE
4 MONTHS, THREE BREAK-INS IN THE LAST 3-1/2 WEEKS. SO, I MEAN,
5 IT'S OUT THERE. AND SO, I THINK I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF
6 BOTH OF THESE MOTIONS. BUT I REALLY THINK IN ADDITION, THE
7 A.P.D., P.D., AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS, THAT WE LOOK AT SOME
8 SORT OF FUNDING USING SOME OF THE SAVINGS, IF THERE ARE ANY. I
9 MEAN, I WOULD BE SURPRISED. WHERE THERE MAY BE SAVINGS IN THE
10 OTHER THING, WE MAY HAVE COST INCREASE IN THE OTHER AREAS,
11 THAT WE LOOK AT SOME OF THAT FUNDING GOING TOWARDS LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT. YOU KNOW, OUR SUPPRESSION TEAMS THAT WE HAVE TO
13 PAY FOR OUT OF OUR OWN DOLLARS AS IT RELATES TO CODE
14 ENFORCEMENT, AS IT RELATES TO CHASING PROP 109, OR A.B. 109
15 AND SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. BUT
16 OBVIOUSLY WITH WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE RIGHT NOW IN THE AREA
17 OF HOMELESSNESS AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE BEING
18 ELEVATED BECAUSE OF PROP 47, I JUST WANT THAT TO BE ON THE
19 TABLE IN HOWEVER THESE MOTIONS COME OUT THAT WE AT LEAST LOOK
20 AT THAT POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY. SO I DON'T KNOW WHO CREATED
21 WHAT, WHICH ONE'S WHICH. YOUR NAMES -- BOTH YOUR NAMES ARE ON
22 IT. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA TO MELD THEM TOGETHER
23 SOMEHOW, NUMBER 1, OR NUMBER 2, HAVE THIS DISCUSSION WHEN WE
24 HAVE THE FULL DISCUSSION ON PROP 47 ON MAY 10TH. I MEAN, SO

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1 THAT'S SORT OF WHERE I SIT RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU. THAT'S THE
2 REASON I HELD IT. I MEAN, I SAW TWO NAMES ON TWO MOTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOT TO BELABOR THE POINT, MADAME CHAIR,
7 WHICH WAS THE INTENT, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT YOU'LL FIND
8 THAT THE MOTIONS SPECIFIES THAT BOTH COST SAVINGS AND COST
9 INCREASES ATTRIBUTED TO PROP 47 BE CALCULATED, RECOGNIZING
10 THAT SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS MAY HAVE BUILT COST INCREASES.
11 AND SO THERE'S NOTHING NECESSARILY, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THAT YOU
12 JUST INDICATED THAT WOULD PRECLUDE CONSIDERATION OF
13 APPROPRIATE ALLOCATIONS WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE ATTRIBUTABLE
14 TO PROP 47. TAKE NOTE OF THE MOTION, AND I THINK YOU'LL FIND
15 THAT IT'S AT LEAST RAISED, AND I APPRECIATE YOU LIFTING IT UP
16 HERE FOR OUR COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WITH A LOT OF
21 RESPECT TO MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I THINK THERE HAS
22 BEEN A LOT OF SORT OF OPINING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT CRIMES THAT
23 ARE BEING COMMITTED TODAY ARE BEING COMMITTED BY PEOPLE WHO
24 ARE ON THE STREET RATHER THAN IN JAIL BECAUSE OF PROP 47. AND
25 I JUST WANTED TO SAY PROP 47 ACTUALLY WAS VERY MINIMAL. THEFT

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1 UNDER \$900 IS A MISDEMEANOR INSTEAD OF A FELONY. A COUPLE OF
2 KINDS OF FRAUD AND POSSESSION OF DRUGS. NOW, IT IS TRUE PEOPLE
3 WERE IN JAIL AND NOW THEY'RE NOT. PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA VOTED
4 THAT THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE SOME KIND OF REHABILITATION. AND
5 THE JAILS WERE OVERCROWDED. I THINK THE GOVERNOR HAD MADE
6 QUITE A POINT OF IT. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN
7 TWO STUDIES INDICATING THERE'S NO EVIDENCE AT ALL THAT PEOPLE
8 WHO WERE OUT BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT PUT IN BECAUSE OF THESE SIX
9 DIFFERENT PENAL CODE SECTIONS, AND IT WAS ONLY SIX IN PROP 47,
10 ARE COMMITTING THE CRIMES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SO I THINK
11 THE THING THAT'S HARD FOR ME IS KIND OF ON THE OTHER END OF
12 THE SPECTRUM FROM WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, I UNDERSTAND. BUT I'M -- WHAT I'M DEALING WITH
15 --

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT I'M SAYING IS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
18 SAVINGS. I THINK THERE WAS A LOT OF EXPECTATION THAT THERE
19 WERE GOING TO BE A LOT OF SAVINGS. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW,
20 DEPARTMENTS TEND TO SCRAMBLE SO THAT THEY DON'T SHOW VERY MANY
21 SAVINGS. SO I THINK THE METRICS HERE AND WHAT MY COLLEAGUES
22 ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO SAY COULD WE HAVE SORT OF A UNIFORM
23 MEASUREMENT THAT EVERYBODY FITS INTO? NOW, THERE WAS ONE PART
24 OF IT, IF I MAY SAY TO MY COLLEAGUES, I THINK IN 51-A, THAT
25 TOOK FOR GRANTED THAT THE SHERIFF WAS REQUIRED TO IMPOSE

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1 LONGER SENTENCES ON PEOPLE IF THE JAIL WASN'T CROWDED. AND MY
2 READING OF THE LAW IS NOT THAT. SO I WONDER, WHEN IT'S
3 APPROPRIATE, IF I MIGHT ASK FOR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ASKING
4 COUNSEL TO PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS OF WHETHER THE SHERIFF IS
5 ACTUALLY REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED
6 WHEN L.A. COUNTY POPULATION IS REDUCED, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE
7 GOOD TO KNOW. OBVIOUSLY HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO JUST DO IT ON HIS
8 OWN. I MEAN, HE'S THE SHERIFF. BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW IF
9 HE SAYS, "OH, I'M REQUIRED TO DO IT," BUT THE LAW ACTUALLY
10 DOESN'T.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BUT A LOT OF IT, HE DOES IT BECAUSE THAT'S
13 WHAT THEIR SENTENCE IS, AND THEY'RE BEING RELEASED EARLY
14 BECAUSE OF OVERCROWDING. SO IF YOU REMOVE PRISONERS, YOU GOT
15 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PEOPLE SPEND THEIR SENTENCES IN JAIL.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S TRUE, BUT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
18 WAYS, AS YOU REMEMBER, SUPERVISOR, THAT SENTENCES COULD BE
19 REDUCED, AND IT'S WITHIN THE CHOICE OF THE INCARCERATING BODY,
20 THAT IS, GOOD BEHAVIOR, AS WE USED TO CALL IT IN THE OLD DAYS
21 IN THE MOVIES, SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE IN PRISON OR JAIL.
22 THERE'S A NUMBER OF WAYS. SO I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY TO THE
23 SHERIFF, LOOK, IT'S UP TO YOU. OBVIOUSLY YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT.
24 BUT LET US NOT SAY YOU'RE REQUIRED TO DO IT BY LAW IF YOU'RE
25 NOT. SO IT'S JUST A SMALL THING JUST TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL IF

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1 THEY MIGHT OPINE ABOUT THIS PIECE. SO, I WOULD OFFER THAT AT
2 THE PROPER TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE -- YEAH, I DON'T HAVE A
5 PROBLEM WITH THAT, OKAY?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE YOU GOING TO COMBINE THE MOTIONS, OR ARE YOU
8 GOING TO --

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL..

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I..

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO END UP BEING
15 ANALYZED.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** ..BECAUSE 51-A, I MEAN, VERY CANDIDLY, 51-A SPENDS
18 THE MONEY. 51-E LOOKS AT EVERYTHING. AND I DON'T HAVE A
19 PROBLEM WITH LOOKING AT EVERYTHING TO SEE WHAT MIGHT COME BACK
20 IF IN FACT THERE ARE SAVINGS OR NOT. I THINK THERE'S, TO USE
21 MY COLLEAGUE'S WORD, THERE'S A LOT OF OPINING THAT THERE'S
22 THESE SAVINGS ALL OVER THE PLACE, WHEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'RE
23 FINDING, AND NOT NECESSARILY WHERE THESE FOLKS WOULD BE IN
24 JAIL, BUT AT LEAST YOU HAD SOME OPPORTUNITIES, SOME LEVERAGE,
25 LIKE WITH THE ADDICTION ISSUES AND SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS

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1 YOU DON'T HAVE ANYMORE ON A MISDEMEANOR. SO ALL I'M SAYING IS
2 I WANT TO -- I HAVE NO PROBLEM CREATING THE METRICS AND THE
3 VALIDATION WHETHER SAVINGS OR NOT SAVINGS, BUT I DON'T WANT TO
4 SPEND THE MONEY IN ONE PARTICULAR AREA, COMMUNITY-BASED OR
5 WHATEVER IT MAY BE, WITHOUT THE SHERIFF AT LEAST BEING ON THE
6 TABLE TO LOOK IF THAT'S IN FACT WHAT WE ARE HAVING TO DO IS TO
7 CHASE MORE, OKAY, AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT'S -- BUT CHASE MORE.
8 THEN THEY SHOULD HAVE A FAIR SHOT AT THE DOLLARS, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND MY VIEW IS SIMPLY THIS, SUPERVISOR
11 KNABE. WE SHOULD DISPOSE OF THE MATTER, ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT,
12 KNOW THAT YOUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN WELL-STATED. IT COMES BACK
13 TO US FOR FINAL DISPOSITION. SO NOTHING HERE CAUSES THE
14 EXPENDITURE OF RESOURCES ABSENT OUR ULTIMATE REVIEW.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I AGREE. I THINK THIS REALLY IS A WAY
17 OF US GETTING INFORMATION BACK, WHETHER IT'S HARD COSTS OR
18 SOFT COSTS. I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE AUDITOR HAS PRESENTED TO
19 US, WHERE IT'S HARD TO ASCERTAIN WHERE THESE SAVINGS ARE AND
20 IF WE'RE ALL LOOKING AT APPLES TO APPLES WOULD BE A LOT EASIER
21 FOR US TO THEN DETERMINE WHERE THE FUNDING CAN GO OR SHOULD
22 GO.

23

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. SO, I MEAN, IT'S ALL FOR THE RECORD, THEN.
2 THESE TWO ITEMS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO US BEFORE AGREEING TO
3 ANY EXPENDITURE?

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, YES, ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULD HAVE TO BE. BUT I THINK THE
8 THRUST IS TO SAY TO THE DEPARTMENTS THAT THE FINDINGS OF THE
9 AUDITORS' WORK MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE DATA FOR US
10 TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS, THAT DATA IS NOT BEING COLLECTED. AND
11 I DON'T KNOW THAT ANY SINGLE MEMBER OF THE BOARD WOULD CHOOSE
12 TO SUPPORT THAT. WE OUGHT TO KNOW WHAT SAVINGS THERE ARE. WE
13 OUGHT TO KNOW IF THERE'S ANY INCREASES THAT WILL COME TO US,
14 SO THAT WE CAN MAKE GOOD DECISIONS. THAT'S THE THRUST OF WHAT
15 WE ARE SIMPLY LOOKING AT. AND THE RANGE OF THE OPTIONS FOR
16 DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ULTIMATELY DETERMINED WHEN WE GET THE
17 REPORT BACK FROM THE THE C.E.O. AS WELL AS OTHER ENTITIES,
18 MAYBE COUNTY COUNSEL AND/OR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WHEN THEY
19 WEIGH IN.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE ALSO, ONE OF THE ACTIONS WE TOOK
24 THIS MORNING WAS TO PUT OFF THE REPORT BY THE AUDITOR-
25 CONTROLLER THAT THEY MADE ON PROP 47 SO THEY WOULD COME BACK

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1 TOGETHER, BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S ALSO QUITE INTERESTING,
2 BECAUSE THEIR ESTIMATE WAS THAT THE SHERIFF WOULD SAVE \$41-1/2
3 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE OF PROP 47. THAT WAS IN THE AUDITOR-
4 CONTROLLER'S REPORT. SO I THINK HAVING IT COME BACK AT THE
5 SAME TIME IS VERY USEFUL. WE WOULD HAVE THE, YOU KNOW, THIS
6 FEEDBACK ON THESE MOTIONS AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT.
7 SEEMS LIKE THEN WE COULD LOOK AT THE WHOLE ENCHILADA, AS THEY
8 SAY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** IN 51-A, ITEM 3-A AND 3-B SPENDS THE MONEY VERY
11 SPECIFICALLY TO WHERE IT'S ALLOCATED. 50 PERCENT THERE AND 50
12 PERCENT UNDER B.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I INTERPRET THOSE AS RECOMMENDED
15 CONSIDERATIONS FOR US TO ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO ADOPT PURSUANT
16 TO THE C.E.O.'S REPORT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** 51-E DOES NOT SPEND THE MONEY. OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE -- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST STATE THAT WE'VE HAD A
25 RASH OF CRIME. IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, THE NUMBER OF HOMES THAT

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1 HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED HAS RESULTED IN A COMMUNITY NOW HAVING
2 TO PAY \$300 PER RESIDENT FOR A PRIVATE SECURITY TO WORK IN
3 COOPERATION WITH OUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF THAT.
4 IN LOOKING AT THE STATISTICS ON PROPOSITION 47, 48 PERCENT
5 HAVE BEEN REPEAT OFFENDERS. 48 PERCENT UNDER THEIR PART 1,
6 WHICH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DESCRIBES AS PART 1 CRIMES,
7 HAVE BEEN REPEAT OFFENDERS. THAT INCLUDES HOMICIDE, FORCIBLE
8 RAPE, ROBBERY, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, BURGLARY, LARCENY, ARSON.
9 AGAIN, 48 PERCENT. THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED MORE THAN
10 ONE TIME. THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED MORE THAN ONE TIME.
11 VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED BETWEEN
12 2 AND 5 TIMES IS ABOUT SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN THOUSAND. WHAT
13 YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS A BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER, AND THE
14 COUNTY SHERIFF DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO CONTINUE TO
15 RESPOND TO THESE CALLS. TALK TO YOUR LOCAL CHIEFS OF POLICE IN
16 THE CITIES THAT YOU REPRESENT, AND THEY WILL GIVE YOU A
17 BREAKDOWN OF THE CRIME THAT'S BEING COMMITTED. THOSE
18 HOMEOWNERS WILL NOW HAVE HIGHER INSURANCE COSTS PAYING FOR
19 THEIR HOME INSURANCE BECAUSE OF THOSE ROBBERIES. THEY WILL
20 HAVE HIGHER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE BECAUSE OF THOSE STOLEN
21 VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE OR THE VANDALISM ON THOSE
22 CARS. IT'S A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. THE SHERIFF IS LEGALLY
23 OBLIGATED TO HOUSE ALL INMATES FOR THEIR ENTIRE SENTENCE AND
24 APPLY CREDITS WHERE APPROPRIATE. THE SHERIFF EXERCISES EARLY
25 RELEASE BASED ON THE OVERCROWDING CONDITIONS, BUT THAT DOES

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1 NOT MEAN THAT HE HAS DISCRETION TO RELEASE INMATES BASED ON AN
2 ARBITRARY PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED. THE REAL QUESTION FOR
3 COUNTY COUNSEL IS, WHAT AUTHORITY DOES THE SHERIFF HAVE FOR
4 EARLY RELEASE? BUT, AGAIN, 47 HAS NOT BEEN A PANACEA BRINGING
5 PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS; IT'S HELPED CREATE
6 MORE CRIME. IT HAS NOT HELPED THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ADDICTED TO
7 DRUGS GOING INTO REHAB AND STAYING IN REHAB UNTIL THEY ARE
8 OVER THEIR NARCOTIC ADDICTION. WHAT WE HAVE NOW, THE COURT
9 CANNOT MANDATE THEM TO DO REHAB, AS THEY DID PREVIOUSLY TO 47.
10 AND SO THAT'S WHY WE'VE HAD TO REDUCE THE DRUG COURTS NOW,
11 BECAUSE THEY'VE LOST THEIR PUNCH. BUT IT'S -- IT HAS NOT
12 HELPED BRING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THE INTENT WAS TO
17 MOVE THESE ITEMS FORWARD, BUT IT'S ALWAYS APPROPRIATE TO
18 RESPECT THE DESIRES OF COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS AN ISSUE. IN SO
19 DOING, I THINK THE DATA THAT IS MARSHALLED NEEDS TO COMPORT
20 WITH THAT WHICH WE ARE DISCUSSING. AND RESPECTFULLY,
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ALL OF WHAT YOU DESCRIBED I CHOOSE NOT
22 TO DISPUTE IN TERMS OF REFERENCES TO AN UPTICK IN CRIMINAL
23 ACTIVITY. I THINK IT'S A LEAP TO ATTRIBUTE THAT TO PROP 47.
24 AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT'S THE CASE, I WOULD THINK THAT WE
25 OUGHT TO MAKE CAREFUL DECISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT AS

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1 WELL AS THE LETTER OF THAT APPROPRIATELY ADOPTED LAW IN THE
2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS IT APPLIES TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IF
3 THERE'S NO THERE THERE, THEN WE SHOULD KNOW IT. AND THAT MAY
4 HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR HOW WE ULTIMATELY EVALUATE THE EFFICACY
5 OF THE LAW ITSELF. BUT IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, IN MY VIEW, TO
6 SPECULATE ABOUT THIS. THERE IS A BIG DEBATE, DEBATE OF SOME
7 CONSEQUENCE AMONG SOME ASPECTS OR ELEMENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
8 AS TO PROP 47 HAVING BEEN ILL-CONCEIVED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.
9 MY VIEW IS THAT A DEBATE CAN ENSUE, BUT THEY HAVE NOT
10 ADEQUATELY MADE THEIR CASE. HAS IT BEEN ADEQUATELY
11 ADMINISTERED OR IMPLEMENTED TO DATE? THE ANSWER TO THAT, IN MY
12 JUDGMENT, IS NO IT HAS NOT. SO IT IS HARDLY UNCOMMON FOR A NEW
13 LAW TO HAVE TO SETTLE SO THAT THE PROPER EXECUTION TAKES PLACE
14 CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE VOTERS. SO I JUST THINK WE
15 SHOULD HEAP ALL THE CRIME ON 47. WE SHOULDN'T HEAP ALL THE
16 CRIME ON 109. I THINK WE OUGHT TO PAY ATTENTION. WE SHOULDN'T
17 BE DISMISSIVE OF THOSE CONCERNS THAT YOU RAISE, BUT I WOULD
18 JUST CAUTION THAT WE NOT DRAW CONCLUSIONS THAT CAN'T BE EASILY
19 SUBSTANTIATED. RESPECTFULLY. MR. DEAN, RESPECTFULLY.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, WE HAVE SOME
22 SPEAKERS: ARNOLD SACHS AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH

23

24 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANKS. JOE MAIZLISH. I REMEMBER IN THE
25 MONTHS BEFORE THE PROPOSITION WAS PASSED, CHIEF MOORE OF THE

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1 L.A.P.D. AND I SPOKE TO THE, AS A PUBLIC COMMENT ON MY PART,
2 TO THE C.C.J.C.C. UNDER SUPERVISOR KNABE'S CHAIRMANSHIP. AND I
3 SAID, "WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN HERE?" THESE ARE PEOPLE RATHER
4 SIMILAR TO THOSE, THE PEOPLE WHO GET THE PROPOSITION 47
5 BENEFIT, WOULD BE RATHER SIMILAR TO THOSE WHO DO NOT, EXCEPT
6 THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE DIFFERENT KIND OF PRIORS RECORD.
7 BUT THEY'RE SUBSTANTIALLY, THEY'RE PEOPLE WHO ARE SIGNALING TO
8 US THAT THEY HAVE SOME TROUBLE IN THEIR LIVES THAT'S DIRECTED
9 THEM TO COMMIT THESE OFFENSES. HOW ABOUT OFFERING THEM
10 SERVICES, EVEN IF MANY OF THEM WON'T TAKE THEM? AND THE -- BUT
11 THE FUNDING WASN'T THERE, WASN'T BUILT INTO THE PROPOSITION,
12 AND THAT IS A WARNING TO PEOPLE THAT REFORMS DO NOT
13 NECESSARILY FUND THEMSELVES. EVEN IF THERE IS EVENTUAL
14 SAVINGS, THERE'S START-UP COSTS, ALL OF THOSE THINGS. AND SO
15 THAT'S BEEN KNOWN AND IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED, WHATEVER THE
16 OUTCOME IS OF THE STUDIES THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAVE JUST REFERRED TO. SO, THAT GOES
18 BACK TO MY COMMENTS ON ITEM 4 AND 51-D, I THINK, THAT WE NEED
19 TO HAVE REALLY MORE FUNDING AND IT'S NOT SELF-FUNDING AND JUST
20 SHIFTING MONEY AROUND, ALTHOUGH THAT CERTAINLY SHOULD HAPPEN,
21 BUT THAT'S REALLY MY POINT NOW. SOMETIMES ADVOCATES OF REFORM
22 ARE AS SHY AS ANYBODY ELSE ABOUT SAYING LET'S FACE THE FACTS
23 THAT WE NEED MORE REVENUE FAIRLY COLLECTED AND WISELY SPENT.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
4 SACHS. AND THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION THAT'S BROUGHT UP, I
5 BELIEVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RELEASING PRISONERS
6 EARLY FROM WHATEVER THEY -- THEIR MANDATORY SENTENCES SINCE
7 ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF 2005. SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S THE DEGREE OF
8 SEPARATION, PER SE. BUT IT NEVER ADDRESSING THAT PROBLEM? THE
9 ESSENTIAL PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED IS ACTUALLY THE COST OF
10 DOING GOVERNMENT. THE ACTUAL AFFORDABILITY OF DOING GOVERNMENT
11 AND WHAT IT COSTS THE PUBLIC TO GET RESULTS, AND NOBODY WANTS
12 TO ADDRESS THAT. NOBODY WANTS TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT TO GIVE
13 AWAY THE PUBLIC FUNDS TO THE EMPLOYEE UNIONS IS DIRECTLY
14 CONTRIBUTING TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE REST OF THE
15 PUBLIC. THE GOVERNMENT WORKERS, THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, THE
16 BIGGEST EMPLOYEE IN THE COUNTY, THE BIGGEST EMPLOYEE IN THE
17 STATE IS STARTING TO BE A WEIGHT ON WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE
18 TO AFFORD A QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. NOBODY
19 REALLY WANTS TO STEP IN AND SAY WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. JUST
20 LIKE WE HEARD EARLIER ABOUT PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THE
21 INEQUALITY OF THE PAY SCALE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. THAT
22 WOULDN'T TAKE AN ORDINANCE REGARDING WAGES TO ADDRESS THAT.
23 BUT IT'S WHO YOU PUT INTO OFFICE THAT WILL ADDRESS THE PROBLEM
24 OF THE INEQUALITY.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK
2 TO ITEM 51-A, AND IT HAS BEEN AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND
3 THAT WILL BE --

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT WAS THE AMENDMENT AGAIN? WHAT WAS THE
6 AMENDMENT AGAIN?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OH, THIS WAS THAT COUNTY COUNSEL TO
9 PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS WITHIN 90 DAYS REGARDING WHETHER THE
10 SHERIFF IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME
11 SERVED BY INMATES WHEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES'
12 POPULATION IS REDUCED.

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YEAH, IN THE MOTION IN 51-A, IT SAYS THE
15 SHERIFF IS REQUIRED BY LAW. AND I WANTED TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL
16 TO TELL US IF THAT WAS INDEED THE CASE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, WE DON'T NEED 90 DAYS FOR THAT. IT
19 SHOULD COME BACK ON MAY 10TH OR WHENEVER THIS WHOLE THING IS
20 COMING BACK, RIGHT? I MEAN, PART OF IT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** COUNSEL, IS THAT -- THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM, IS IT?

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED, IF IT'S
2 POSSIBLE.

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** OF COURSE. THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GO ON WITH THE
7 OTHER AMENDMENTS, THOUGH, I DO HAVE IN MY PILE HERE MORE
8 SPEAKERS. SO LET'S GO THROUGH THAT. WE HAVE PEOPLE WAITING
9 HERE. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, EUNISSES HERNANDEZ, MICHAEL
10 RUSSO, TIM KORNEGAY, PAUL JUNG, DANNY MONTES, DIANA ZUNIGA.

11

12 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY
13 NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I DIDN'T
14 WANT TO TALK TOO MUCH, BUT I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT, YOU
15 KNOW, I THINK THIS MOTION IS REALLY GREAT. I THINK IT'S GOOD
16 TO SET THE FOUNDATION. I JUST WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE INCLUDE
17 SOME OF THAT FUNDING TO GO INTO THE COMMUNITY-BASED, LEGAL-
18 SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, LEGAL AID
19 FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND OTHER C.B.O.S THAT ARE WORKING
20 ON IMPLEMENTING PROP 47 AND HELPING PEOPLE REMOVE THE BARRIERS
21 TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND OTHER THINGS THAT CAN LEAD TO
22 RECIDIVISM. I DID WANT TO -- I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUSH
23 BACK, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT I WILL PUSH BACK ON WHAT
24 ANTONOVICH SAID. A LOT OF THOSE CLAIMS, YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE'S
25 NO DATA TO SUPPORT THAT. AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IRRESPONSIBLE

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1 FOR AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO PERPETUATE THAT MESSAGE, ESPECIALLY
2 WHEN THERE'S NO DATA TO SHOW IT. WE DID MEET WITH SHERIFF
3 MCDONNELL AND HIS ASSISTANT SHERIFFS. THEY DID TALK ABOUT THE
4 48-PERCENT INCREASE IN CRIME. THEY DIDN'T BREAK DOWN THOSE
5 NUMBERS. I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW THAT'S BROKEN DOWN AND HOW YOU
6 CORRELATE THAT TO PROP 47. BUT ONE THING THAT WE DID COME INTO
7 COMMON GROUND WITH THE SHERIFF WAS THAT WE NEED MORE
8 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, LIKE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, MENTAL
9 HEALTH SERVICES. SO I WILL SAY THAT. WE DID AGREE ON THAT. BUT
10 I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE TOO MUCH OF YOUR TIME. BUT I DID WANT TO
11 MAKE SURE THAT WE ADDRESS THAT, BECAUSE IT'S MAKING OUR WORK
12 IN THE COMMUNITY MUCH HARDER WHEN NOT ONLY WE HAVE TO -- WHEN
13 WE NOT ONLY HAVE TO HELP PEOPLE REMOVE THEIR RECORDS, TRY TO
14 FIND FUNDING FOR THAT, BUT ALSO TO COMBAT THAT NEGATIVE
15 NARRATIVE THAT YOU GUYS HAVE, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME..

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** ..AND PLEASE DIVERT SOME OF THAT MONEY
20 INTO THE COMMUNITY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE ON MY
23 ANEMIC ATTEMPT TO PUSH BACK ON THE DEAN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DIANA?

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1

2 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I'M WITH
3 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I SUPPORT THIS
4 MOTION AND AM EXCITED TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO TRACK
5 THE SAVINGS OF FOLKS THAT ARE IMPACTED BY PROP 47 AND IDENTIFY
6 HOW THAT FUNDING COULD BE USED AND REDIRECT IT TOWARDS THE
7 SERVICES THAT WE KNOW THAT THEY NEED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE, I AM A CONSTITUENT OF YOUR DISTRICT, AND THE
9 THINGS THAT I SEE IN MY COMMUNITIES ARE HOMELESSNESS. I DON'T
10 SEE SHELTERS ON THE CORNER. I DON'T SEE SUPPORT ON THE
11 STREETS. AND THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT I KNOW MY COMMUNITY
12 MEMBERS --

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE YOU ON A TOUR.

15

16 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HUH?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE YOU ON A TOUR.

19

20 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HOW ABOUT I TAKE YOU ON A TOUR?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW ABOUT I TAKE YOU ON A TOUR? [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** I WOULD APPRECIATE DOING THAT, BECAUSE I SEE A
25 LOT OF THINGS IN MY COMMUNITIES AND I DON'T SEE THE RESOURCES

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1 ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT PEOPLE THAT ARE DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE-
2 USE ISSUES OR HOMELESSNESS. SO I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO YOUR
3 OFFICE MORE ABOUT THAT. I ALSO THINK IT IS NOT FAIR TO BLAME
4 EVERYTHING ON PROP 47. SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC-
5 SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT, WHICH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH, YOU ALL WERE AROUND WITH THE EMERGENCE OF RE-
7 ALIGNMENT, THERE HAS BEEN ZERO FUNDING THAT HAS REALLY BEEN
8 ALLOCATED TO SERVICES UNTIL NOW, ZERO FUNDING FOCUSED ON
9 ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS UNTIL NOW. SO IF THERE'S ANYBODY THAT
10 NEEDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT, IT'S NOT THE PEOPLE
11 THAT VOTED TO PASS PROPOSITION 47; IT'S YOU TWO. AND I THINK
12 THE BOARD IS ATTEMPTING TOGETHER DO THAT RIGHT NOW. SO, PLEASE
13 --

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, FOLKS.

16

17 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** LIKE MY COLLEAGUES SAID, THESE KIND OF NEGATIVE
18 WAYS OF FRAMING WHAT PROPOSITION 47 HAS -- YOU FEEL HAS DONE
19 IS ACTUALLY NOT SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND HELPING US
20 CREATE SOLUTIONS; IT'S HURTING US.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** CRIME IS WHAT IS HURTING THE PEOPLE.
25 AND I JUST CAME FROM THE VICTIMS CEREMONY WITH THE VICTIMS OF

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1 CRIMES WHO LOST THEIR CHILDREN, WHO LOST THEIR PARENTS AND,
2 AGAIN, COMMEND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THEIR FINE EFFORTS
3 IN MAKING THESE CONVICTIONS AND JOINING WITH THE DISTRICT
4 ATTORNEY MICHAEL RAMOS OF SAN BERNADINO, WHO'S HOPING TO ADOPT
5 THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAW THAT WILL BE ADOPTED IN NOVEMBER.

6

7 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** WELL, WE'RE ALL VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS, AND I
8 WISH THAT YOU WOULD ASK US WHAT WE NEED INSTEAD OF THINKING
9 THAT YOU KNOW WHAT WE NEED. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. NEXT WITNESS.

12

13 **MICHAEL RUSSO:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY
14 NAME IS MIKE RUSSO WITH THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. WE'RE
15 SUPPORTING THESE MOTIONS AND APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION
16 AROUND THEM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WOULD FIT TOGETHER TO
17 CREATE BETTER TRACKING AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACTS OF
18 PROP 47 ON COUNTY OPERATIONS AND THEN CREATE A PATHWAY FOR
19 REALLOCATING THEM UPSTREAM IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, WHICH
20 WE DEFINITELY THINK IS THE RIGHT APPROACH TO TAKE. I WOULD
21 JUST SAY WE'RE 18 MONTHS ON NOW FROM WHEN THE VOTERS BY A
22 STRONG MAJORITY ENDORSED PROP 47 AND THE PRINCIPLE THAT
23 RESOURCES SHOULD BE MOVED UPSTREAM INTO COMMUNITY, INTO
24 PREVENTION. BUT WE ALL KNEW THAT IMPLEMENTATION WAS GOING TO
25 BE WHERE A LOT OF THE ACTION WAS, AND THE STAKES ARE HIGHER

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1 PROBABLY FOR L.A. COUNTY THAN ANYWHERE ELSE. WE REALLY COMMEND
2 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR THEIR REPORT, WHICH IS REALLY
3 SETTING UP THE CONVERSATION WE'RE ABLE TO HAVE TODAY, BUT EVEN
4 THE GREAT WORK THAT THEY DID IN LARGE MEASURE SHOWED JUST HOW
5 LITTLE WE DO KNOW. AND I THINK HAVING THE CONVERSATION AND
6 HAVING THE METRICS TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE WAY THAT PROP
7 47 HAS, IT LOOKS LIKE, CREATED MORE ROOM FOR THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO PROVIDE BETTER MENTAL HEALTH
9 SERVICES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S A
10 CONSEQUENCE OF PROP 47, AS WELL. AND SO, HAVING METRICS
11 CAPTURE THAT IS IMPORTANT. I WOULD ALSO HIGHLIGHT THAT ONE
12 THING IN THE REPORT FOUND THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS NOT
13 ABLE TO REPORT BACK ON THE IMPACTS. THOSE ARE REALLY
14 POTENTIALLY VERY SIGNIFICANT. IF YOU PLAY OUT HOW THE STATE
15 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ESTIMATES CAME OUT, YOU KNOW, THERE
16 COULD BE ESTIMATES OF AROUND LIKE 9,000 FEWER CASES IN THE
17 D.A.'S PURVIEW, TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF SAVINGS, SO
18 IMPORTANT TO GET THAT IN THERE, TOO. WE THINK IT'S REALLY
19 IMPORTANT TO GET COMMUNITY ENGAGED IN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT
20 WHERE THE MONEY GOES, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH
21 YOU ON THAT AND HOPE THAT YOU'LL LOOK WHAT IS COMING IN FROM
22 THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE TOWN HALLS THAT ARE HAPPENING,
23 FIRST ONE TONIGHT. SO, SUPPORT THE MOTIONS. VOTERS HAVE
24 SPOKEN, WANT TO SEE THE MONEY MOVING UPSTREAM, HAPPY THIS IS
25 STARTING TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU ALSO LIKE TO COMMENT, SINCE
3 WE'RE LITERALLY TAKING UP 51-A AND 51-E. DO YOU CONCUR?

4

5 **MICHAEL RUSSO:** SORRY, YEAH.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 51-E. ON 51-E, DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK
8 ON THAT?

9

10 **MICHAEL RUSSO:** YES, COMMENTS ADDRESSED TO BOTH OF THOSE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. SO, MOVING FORWARD,
13 WE'LL JUST ALSO THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE'LL ASK YOU TO DO THE
14 SAME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **MICHAEL RUSSO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL?

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH. GOOD AFTERNOON. THIS IS A VERY
21 COMPLEX ISSUE, AND I'M GLAD YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME MORE
22 TIME.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 51-A AND --

25

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TOSS THE BABY
2 WITH THE BATH WATER. IT IS VERY COMPLEX. THERE'S A LOT OF
3 ISSUES COMING UP. I THINK WE HAVE HAD ALSO MORE CRIME BECAUSE
4 THE ECONOMY IS IN THE TOILET IN MANY CASES, AND I THINK THAT
5 PROBABLY INCREASED A LOT OF THE PETTY CRIME. YOU KNOW, WHERE I
6 LIVE, WE HAVE HAD MULTIPLE CAR BREAK. YOU KNOW, WE HAD A
7 MASERATI TORE UP. WE HAD AN OLD, BEAT-UP CAR STOLEN. I MEAN,
8 PEOPLE, MANY OF THE PEOPLE RIGHT NOW ARE IN A PRETTY DESPERATE
9 STAGE, YOU KNOW, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT MUCH MORE
10 CAREFULLY AND MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY IS WELL SPENT. THAT'S
11 ONE OF MY MAIN CONCERNS ALL THE TIME AND THAT WE HAVE TRULY
12 PEOPLE WHO WOULD KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING WORKING WITH THOSE
13 ISSUES, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE IN JAIL WHO
14 DESERVE TO BE IN JAIL. THEY WILL PROBABLY STAY IN IT. AND YOU
15 HAVE SOME BAD SEED, AND THOSE ARE GOING TO ALWAYS BE BAD SEED.
16 BUT YOU HAVE PEOPLE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE WHICH CHANGE THEIR
17 LIFE AROUND. AND I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT THAT VERY
18 CAREFULLY. SO, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME. I THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE, ITEM 51-A AND E.

22

23 **PAUL JUNG:** YES, HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAUL JUNG. I'M
24 A STAFF ATTORNEY WITH ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A.
25 THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,

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1 FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION. OUR ORGANIZATION PROVIDES CLINICS
2 FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM PROP
3 47. AND, YEAH, I JUST WANT TO MAKE A FEW POINTS ADDRESSING
4 BOTH 51-A AND 51-E. OUR COMMUNITY IS LARGELY SILENT ON THESE
5 ISSUES, BUT THE IMPACT IS THERE. MANY OF THE FOLKS WHO ARE IN
6 OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN CRIMES HAVE COME FROM A
7 BACKGROUND, REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT BACKGROUNDS, AS MUCH AS TWO-
8 THIRDS OF THAT POPULATION. AND MANY OF THEM HAVE ALSO
9 EXPERIENCED INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMAS. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF
10 CROSSOVER ISSUES HERE INVOLVING MENTAL HEALTH AND ALSO
11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THESE ARE UNDERLYING ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE
12 TREATED AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL. OTHERWISE, WE CAN'T EVEN
13 PROVIDE ACCESS TO JOBS, FOR INSTANCE, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
14 AND OTHER TYPES OF SERVICES TO FULLY REINTEGRATE THEM BACK
15 INTO COMMUNITY. THERE ALSO HAS TO BE A VERY CULTURALLY
16 COMEPETENT WAY OF SERVING THESE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AS
17 WELL. AND A THIRD THING IS THAT WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE
18 DISAGGREGATED DATA, BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY IS VIEWED AS A
19 MONOLITHIC POPULATION, AND IT NEEDS TO BE BROKEN DOWN TO TRULY
20 REFLECT WHO AMONG THOSE IN OUR POPULATION ARE SEVERELY
21 UNDERSERVED. AND AGAIN, THOSE INDIVIDUALS TEND TO BE YOUNGER,
22 IMMIGRANT, AND ALSO FROM REFUGEE BACKGROUNDS. SO WE JUST ASK
23 FOR MORE INPUT FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS FAR AS HOW THE MONEY
24 IS BEING ALLOCATED AND WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT ARE
25 PROVIDED FOR POPULATIONS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PROP 47 RELIEF.

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1 AND WE ALSO -- I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE JUST MORE SUPPORT FOR
2 LEGAL AID SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THESE POPULATIONS,
3 AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

6

7 **DANNY MONTES:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DANNY MONTES. I'M
8 WITH CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE, A STATEWIDE
9 ORGANIZATION WORKING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROP 47. AND I'M
10 HERE TO SAY THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
11 ADOPT THESE RESOLUTIONS, BECAUSE THEY ENSURE THAT PROP 47
12 SAVINGS ARE ADEQUATELY IDENTIFIED AND ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY-
13 BASED CRIME-PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT STOP THE CYCLE OF CRIME
14 AND DO A BETTER JOB BY KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE. THIS IS WHAT
15 THE VOTERS WANTED WHEN THEY PASSED -- WHEN THEY OVERWHELMINGLY
16 APPROVED PROP 47. ALREADY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY HAVE APPLIED FOR A CHANGE IN THEIR CRIMINAL
18 RECORD UNDER PROP 47, ALLOWING THEM THE ESCAPE OF THE BURDEN
19 OF A FELONY THAT FOR TOO LONG HAS PRECLUDED THEM FROM
20 ACCESSING JOBS, HOUSING, AND OTHER THINGS THAT ARE KEY TO
21 MAINTAINING STABILITY. OUR COUNTY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM NEEDS TO
22 ADAPT TO CHANGES IN THE LAW. PROP 47 REQUIRES NEW APPROACHES,
23 AND EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE
24 COMMITTED TO THAT. AND THE LAST THING I'LL SAY IS TO ADDRESS
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HERE. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT CRIME

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1 SURVIVORS. I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT AND CRIME SURVIVORS
2 NEED TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE TO TALK ABOUT HOW TO REALLY
3 ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES WITHIN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
4 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY DOING TODAY RIGHT NOW IS
5 ORGANIZING OUR STATEWIDE NETWORK CALLED CRIME SURVIVORS FOR
6 SAFETY AND JUSTICE, WHERE WE TALK TO ELECTED OFFICIALS
7 THROUGHOUT THE STATE ON DIFFERENT STRATEGIES ON HOW TO
8 IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT HELP CRIME SURVIVORS. AND WE WOULD
9 LOVE TO HAVE OUR L.A. NETWORK MEET WITH YOUR OFFICES TO TALK
10 ABOUT SOME OF THEIR APPROACHES AND SOME OF THEIR IDEAS
11 REGARDING A.B. 109, REGARDING PROP 47, AND OTHER ISSUES. WITH
12 THAT, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS
13 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL, AND HILDA SOLIS ON REALLY
14 BEING PROACTIVE IN IMPLEMENTING PROP 47. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE HAVE TIM KORNEGAY AND ALSO
17 CASSANDRA GOODMAN, WHO HAS GIVEN HER TIME TO LAMBRENI WADDELL.

18

19 **LAMBRENI WADDELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

22

23 **LAMBRENI WADDELL:** MY NAME IS LAMBRENI WADDELL. I'M THE
24 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL
25 SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE

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1 HARD WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE VARIOUS PROP 47
2 TASKFORCES, BUT WE CANNOT BE CONTENT. THOUSANDS IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY WILL LOOK TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS, TO LEGAL AID, AND TO
4 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR INFORMATION, GUIDANCE AND
5 ASSISTANCE SO THAT THEY CAN FULLY REAP THE BENEFITS OF PROP 47
6 AND EXPUNGEMENT. THIS IS WHY NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES
7 SUPPORTS SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
8 RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE 50 PERCENT OF THE SAVINGS TO EXPAND
9 RESOURCES, TO PROCESS PROP 47 APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS.
10 THROUGH OUR WORK ON THE GROUND PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, WE'D LIKE TO JUST
12 UPLIFT THREE THINGS. ONE, COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS ARE
13 KEY TO MAKING PROP 47 SUCCESSFUL IN SUCH A LARGE COUNTY LIKE
14 LOS ANGELES. SECONDLY, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS ESSENTIAL. IT
15 INCREASES BUY-IN, AND IT HELPS US EXPAND OUR RESOURCES SO THAT
16 WE CAN REALLY GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT PROP 47 AND THE BENEFITS.
17 AND, LASTLY, WE MUST INVEST IN TRAINING SO THAT WE CAN EXPAND
18 THE CAPACITY OF PRO BONO ATTORNEYS, LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND
19 VOLUNTEERS. IT'S ONLY THROUGH TRAINING AND EXPANDING CAPACITY
20 THAT WE CAN REALLY SCALE UP FREE RE-ENTRY PROP 47 LEGAL
21 CLINICS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. JUST THIS PAST SATURDAY, IN
22 PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS, WE WERE ABLE TO
23 SERVE 82 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RESIDENTS THROUGH JUST A 6-HOUR
24 RE-ENTRY CLINIC. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE
25 PUBLIC DEFENDER, WITHOUT LEGAL AID AND PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

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1 COMING TOGETHER, POOLING NOT JUST OUR RESOURCES BUT OUR TALENT
2 FOR THE COMMON GOOD. WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT THIS INVESTMENT OF
3 THE 50 PERCENT OF THE SAVINGS IN THIS WAY WOULD HELP SUSTAIN
4 THE CURRENT EFFORTS AND LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR GREATER
5 CAPACITY AND GREATER WORK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE ONE LAST SPEAKER IN
8 LANCASTER, DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT! GO GET THEM, DIANA!

11

12 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
13 SOLIS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I WAS VERY MOVED BY THIS
14 CONVERSATION, BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT IS A CONVERSATION THAT
15 IS NOT IN A COCOON. I THINK THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT AREN'T
16 COMING TO THE FOREFRONT HERE THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN
17 ADDITION TO 47, ISSUES SUCH AS MASS INCARCERATION, WHICH IS
18 REALLY TAKING HOLD ACROSS THIS COUNTRY IN TERMS OF INDIVIDUALS
19 WHO MICHAEL ANTONOVICH TALKS ABOUT IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD WHO ARE
20 BREAKING INTO CARS AND CAUSING PEOPLE MORE INSURANCE PAYMENTS
21 AND THOSE KIND OF THINGS. I THINK THAT THERE IS AN
22 OVERREACTION ALSO ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE JUSTICE
23 SYSTEM TO LOCK UP PEOPLE AS AN ATTEMPT IN THE EVENT THAT THEY
24 MAY DO THOSE THINGS. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS A MUCH LARGER
25 ISSUE IN THIS COUNTRY AT THIS TIME AND ALSO IN THIS COMMUNITY.

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1 I ALSO THINK IT'S VERY INTERESTING THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT ARE REALLY THE DISENFRANCHISED, THE POOR, THOSE
3 WHO HAVE NEEDS. AND YET, I REALLY WISH WE'D ALSO TALK ABOUT
4 THE WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINALS WHO ARE COSTING US MONEY, MIKE, WHO
5 ARE GETTING AWAY WITH STEALING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS LEGALLY,
6 EVEN IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND I CAN NAME THEM. AND NOBODY'S
7 MEETING AND COMING TOGETHER AND DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THAT,
8 EVEN AFTER I'VE PUT IT OUT THERE FOR 20 YEARS AND I'M GETTING
9 READY TO PUT OUT A BOOK FINALLY CALLED "AN ABSENCE OF HONOR"
10 BECAUSE I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. ONE OF THE REASONS WHY SHARON
11 RUNNER IS NOT RUNNING IS BECAUSE I SENT HER A DOCUMENT, A
12 4,600, THE DOCUMENT THAT SHOWS THAT WALMART PUT ALMOST
13 \$700,000 INTO A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, THAT WHO BENEFITED
14 FROM IT? THE RUNNER GROUP IN 2000. AND NOBODY CAN FIND IT.
15 IT'S SUDDENLY SHREDDED. BUT GUESS WHO HAD A COPY? ME. I'VE
16 SAVED DOCUMENTS FOR 20 YEARS TO PUT OUT THERE IN MY BOOK, AND
17 IT'S COMING.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE HAVE TWO ITEMS ACTUALLY
20 BEFORE US. WE'LL TAKE UP FIRST 51-A AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A ROLL CALL FOR THIS.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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1

2 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

5

6 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

7

8 SUP. KNABE: ABSTAIN.

9

10 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

11

12 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH: NO.

13

14 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

15

16 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE. AS AMENDED. ITEM PASSES. 3 TO --

17 3, 1 ABSTENTION AND ONE NO. ITEM PASSES. OKAY, LET'S GO ON TO

18 THE NEXT ITEM, 51-E. CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

21

22 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

23

24 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

25

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1 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

2

3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

4

5 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

6

7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH?

8

9 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH: [SILENCE.]

10

11 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE. THAT ITEM IS APPROVED 4-1. OKAY,

12 MEMBERS, WE'LL GO ON TO ITEM NO. 29. IT'S BEEN HELD BY

13 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

14

15 SUP. KNABE: YEAH, I NEED SOMEBODY FROM PUBLIC WORKS.

16

17 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: PUBLIC WORKS?

18

19 SUP. KNABE: I BELIEVE, YEAH.

20

21 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23 SUP. KNABE: YES, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I

24 UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF J.O.C.S AND WHAT, YOU KNOW,

25 THEY'RE NEEDED FOR AND TO BE ABLE TO MOVE SWIFTLY AND QUICKLY,

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1 BUT I CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME CONCERNS, AND IT SEEMS THAT THE
2 ISSUES ARE, YOU KNOW, SORT OF EXPANDING. AND THE BIG CONCERN
3 IS THE PROCESS. I UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE
4 THE SMALL BUSINESS FOLKS INVOLVED IN THESE KINDS OF THINGS.
5 BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THE PROCESS
6 AND ALL OF A SUDDEN WE HAVE \$18 MILLION WORTH OF CONTRACTS ON
7 J.O.C.S. THEY'RE ALL SEPARATE, BUT TOTAL \$18 MILLION THROUGH
8 ONE CONTRACTOR. SO, DO YOU ANTICIPATE HAVING ONE CONTRACTOR DO
9 ALL OF THAT WORK THIS YEAR?

10

11 **GAIL FARBER:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S CORRECT. WE HAD SIX BIDDERS
12 FOR FIVE CONTRACTS THAT WE PUT OUT TO BID, AND THREE OF THE
13 LOWEST BIDDERS FAILED TO SUBMIT THAT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION,
14 AND SO THEY WERE DEEMED NONRESPONSIVE. THAT, IN TURN, RESULTED
15 IN THE ONE CONTRACTOR, HARRY JOH CONSTRUCTION, TO BE THE
16 LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER ON 4 OF THOSE 5 CONTRACTS. THE VALUE
17 OF THOSE FOUR CONTRACTS, EACH AT \$4-1/2 MILLION, WOULD BE AT
18 \$18 MILLION. AND SO WE HAVE IDENTIFIED, FOR THOSE FIVE
19 CONTRACTS, TO EXPEND THAT \$22 MILLION IN WORK. WE HAVE THOSE
20 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED. AND SO, YES, WE DO INTEND TO MOVE FORWARD
21 ON THAT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, BUT BASICALLY WE'RE PUTTING ALL THOSE DOLLARS
24 IN THE HANDS OF ONE CONTRACTOR. THAT CONTRACT HAS A PROBLEM,
25 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

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1

2 **GAIL FARBER:** WELL, IT'S -- YES.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THE PURPOSE IS SPREADING IT AROUND. ONE IS
5 TO OBVIOUSLY HAVE MORE SMALL BUSINESS, VETERANS' BUSINESS,
6 WHATEVER, GET INVOLVED. SO, WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS HARRY JOH OR
7 WHOEVER HIS NAME IS GOES BELLY UP OR HAS A PROBLEM, LIKE WE'VE
8 HAD IN THE PAST WITH SOME CONTRACTORS? WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL
9 THOSE CONTRACTS?

10

11 **GAIL FARBER:** WELL, YEAH, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IF WE WENT LOW
12 BID WITH A CONTRACT VERSUS WITH J.O.C., WITH JOB ORDER
13 CONTRACT, IF YOU DO RUN INTO PROBLEMS WITH THAT CONTRACTOR, WE
14 CAN MOVE ON WITH THE OTHER CONTRACTOR RELATIVELY QUICKLY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANOTHER CONTRACTOR. THAT'S MY
17 POINT. IN THIS PARTICULAR..

18

19 **GAIL FARBER:** WE DO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** ..I UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF THAT, BUT YOU DON'T
22 HAVE ANOTHER CONTRACTOR IN THE QUEUE.

23

24 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS MASOOD EFTEKHARI WITH
25 PUBLIC WORKS. WE'VE HAD OCCASIONS IN THE PAST WHERE CERTAIN

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1 LOW BIDDERS WERE DEEMED NONRESPONSIVE AS A RESULT OF NOT
2 SUBMITTING PAPERWORK OR FOLLOWING THE BID DOCUMENTS. AS A
3 RESULT, WE'VE HAD OCCASIONS WHERE A NUMBER OF JOB ORDER
4 CONTRACTS WERE AWARDED TO ONE CONTRACTOR. IN THIS PARTICULAR
5 CASE, WE HAVE VERIFIED WITH THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACTOR WHETHER
6 HE'S ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK IF HE'S GIVEN A NUMBER OF
7 PROJECTS CONCURRENTLY, SINCE BY PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE WE FIRST
8 HAVE TO GIVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIM. HE'S INDICATED HE'S ABLE
9 TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. HE WOULDN'T TELL YOU NO.

12

13 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** I'M SORRY?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** HE WOULDN'T TELL YOU NO.

16

17 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** WELL, IN ADDITION, HE IS REQUIRED TO POST
18 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND FOR EACH ONE OF THOSE JOB ORDER
19 CONTRACTS. IN CASE IF HE IS UNABLE TO PERFORM, THE COUNTY'S
20 ASSURANCE IS THE PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND THAT WE REQUIRE
21 OF HIM.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, THE FIFTH J.O.C. IS ANOTHER COMPANY?

24

25 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** YES.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, IF THE ONE THAT WINS THE FOUR FAILS OR HAS A
3 PROBLEM, THE FIFTH ONE CAN TAKE IT OVER? IS THAT HOW IT WORKS?

4

5 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
6 THAT ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE THAT WE ALREADY -- YOUR BOARD HAS
7 ALREADY AUTHORIZED. SO, NOT ONLY THE FIFTH CONTRACTOR WE COULD
8 GO TO HIM TO FINISH IT; WE COULD GO TO THE OTHER CONTRACTORS
9 THAT THE BOARD HAS ALREADY AUTHORIZED THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I MEAN, IF YOU'RE BACKING OFF TO GO TO
12 SOMEBODY ELSE, THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU RE-BID THE ORIGINAL J.O.C.
13 WHEN -- I MEAN, IT WAS A PAPERWORK ISSUE, RIGHT? IT WASN'T
14 THAT THEY WERE UNQUALIFIED.

15

16 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** CORRECT. BUT, AGAIN, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS
17 WITH THIS CONTRACTOR, BASED ON THE PAST PERFORMANCE OF THIS
18 CONTRACTOR, WE DON'T SEE ANY REASONS WHY THERE WOULD BE A
19 PROBLEM WITH HIS PERFORMANCE, AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE
20 HAVE RECOMMENDED IT TO YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT, I MEAN, AGAIN, PART OF
23 THE ADVANTAGE OF J.O.C. IS TO SPREAD THE WORK AROUND,
24 PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO SMALL BUSINESS, PARTICULARLY AS
25 IT RELATES TO VETERANS' BUSINESSES AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.

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1

2 **GAIL FARBER:** YEAH, AND THAT IS AN OPTION TO DO. I MEAN, WE
3 COULD REJECT THE BIDS AND GO BACK OUT. THIS CONTRACTOR IS A
4 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS WHO HAS CONTRACTED --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I KNOW WHO -- YEAH, I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE
7 NAME.

8

9 **GAIL FARBER:** BUT IT IS AN OPTION THAT YOU COULD DO. IF YOU
10 WANTED TO RE-BID, WE COULD.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I JUST WANT TO -- YOU KNOW, I LOOKED AT
13 THIS. I THINK IN FISCAL YEAR '14/'15, THE COMBINED TOTAL OF
14 ALL YOUR J.O.C.S WAS CLOSE TO \$100 MILLION. IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** DID YOU -- HOW MUCH OF THAT WAS ACTUALLY USED?

19

20 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** SO FAR, WE'VE AWARDED APPROXIMATELY 70
21 PERCENT. WE'VE AUTHORIZED 70 PERCENT OF THAT CAPACITY FOR
22 VARIOUS PROJECTS THAT YOUR BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** DOES THAT CARRY OVER?

25

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1 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** EACH JOB ORDER CONTRACT IS FOR..

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** ONE YEAR.

4

5 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** ..THE DURATION OF ONE YEAR. SO, THOSE ONE
6 YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED YET. AS A RESULT, WE'RE STILL
7 ABLE TO AWARD MORE PROJECTS FOR THOSE CONTRACTS, AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

10

11 **GAIL FARBER:** COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

12

13 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** AGAIN --

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, IT'S '14/'15, AND NOW YOU'RE IN
16 '16/'17. SO HOW DO YOU GO BACK TO '14/'15 AND SAY THE YEAR
17 HASN'T?

18

19 **MASOOD EFTEKHARI:** WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A FISCAL YEAR '14/'15,
20 SUPERVISOR, A CONTRACT COULD HAVE BEEN AWARDED, FOR EXAMPLE,
21 IN FEBRUARY. A YEAR FROM FEBRUARY WOULD THEN RUN OVER TO THE
22 FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR, AND AS A RESULT, IT STILL WOULD BE
23 ACTIVE.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. I'M STILL -- I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE
2 QUESTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE A SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM.
5 DARREL KRUSE HAS SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. YEAH, THIS IS ITEM
6 29. OH, WAIT, 45. WRONG ONE. HOLD ON. I'M SORRY, SIR. YOU
7 SIGNED UP FOR ITEM NO. 45? SORRY. I'M CORRECTED HERE. ERIC
8 PREVEN HAS SIGNED UP ON 29, ARNOLD SACHS, DR. DIANA BEARD-
9 WILLIAMS.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN ON THE JOB ORDER
12 CONTRACTING ITEM, NO. 29, I BELIEVE. AND I APPRECIATE
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S INQUIRIES, FRANKLY. HARRY JOH IS A SMALL
14 COMPANY WITH 26 PEOPLE, TWO WOMEN. AND FOR HIM TO DO ALL THAT
15 WORK CLEARLY MEANS THAT ONE OF THE DIMENSIONS OF JOB ORDER
16 CONTRACTING IS GOING TO INVOLVE SUBCONTRACTING OUT. NOW, WHAT
17 IT DOESN'T SAY IN HIS BID -- WHICH WAS NOT THE LOWEST, BY THE
18 WAY, THERE WERE THREE LOWER BIDDERS WHO WERE DISQUALIFIED ON
19 VARIOUS TECHNICALITIES. BUT HIS ABILITY TO DO THAT WORK IS A
20 BIG QUESTION, AND THERE IS A 15 PERCENT UPCHARGE IF HE
21 SUBCONTRACTS IT OUT TO SOMEBODY ELSE. JUST LIKE YOU AS A
22 HOMEOWNER WOULD HAVE TO PAY A CONTRACTOR. IF HE BRINGS IN
23 ANOTHER CONTRACTOR, HE GETS 15 PERCENT OF WHATEVER THEY DO THE
24 JOB FOR, AND HE, HARRY JOE, IS THE ONE WHO DETERMINES IF --
25 LET'S SAY, YOU NEED A SPECIALIST, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO PUT A

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1 ROOF ON A BUILDING, FOR EXAMPLE. THAT ROOFER, HE CAN GO OUT TO
2 THREE ROOFERS AND THEN YOU PICK THE ONE WHO YOU THINK IS THE
3 BEST DEAL. NOW, THE BEST DEAL FOR THE GUY WHO'S GETTING 15
4 PERCENT ON TOP IS OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT THAN THE BEST DEAL FOR
5 THE PERSON WHO'S PAYING THE BILL. THE BEST DEAL FOR THE PERSON
6 WHO IS PAYING THE BILL, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, IS TO LOW BID. THE
7 BEST DEAL FOR THE PERSON WHO IS GETTING A 15-PERCENT UPCHARGE
8 IS THE HIGH BID. SO WE DO NOT LIKE TO GIVE AWAY AUTHORITY LIKE
9 THAT. I KNOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS MAINTAINED ITS
10 FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY BY HOLDING ONTO CONTROL LIKE THAT. BUT
11 THE BIGGER CONCERN IS THAT THE GUYS WHO BID LOW AND WERE
12 BUMPED OUT ARE FIRMS THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF BUSINESS WITH. I
13 KNOW YOU KNOW MC CONE AND ACE ENGINEERING AND THESE GUYS,
14 M.T.M., ONE OF THE WINNERS, HAS TONS OF J.O.C.S. AND THAT'S
15 WHY I'VE BEEN ASKING THE C.E.O., WHO HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING
16 JOB, AND WE ARE BOTH IN PINK TODAY IN SOLIDARITY, OF IGNORING
17 MY REQUESTS TO PROVIDE A HIGH, WIDE SHOT OF THE JOB ORDER
18 CONTRACTING ACROSS THE COUNTY. I DON'T WANT TO GET ANYBODY
19 EXCITED ABOUT MR. ROGAN'S GROUP, WHERE THEY'RE WAY LOW.
20 THEY'RE DOWN IN THE -- AT ONE POINT, SIR, YOU REMEMBER MY HEAD
21 POPPED OFF WHEN THEY WERE BIDDING AT 49 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.
22 THAT IS NOT WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS. THE PUBLIC WANTS CLARITY.
23 AND I WOULD JUST ASK YOU TO ASK YOUR C.E.O., WHO HAS DONE A
24 GREAT JOB TODAY ON BUDGET DAY, TO PROVIDE A REPORT..

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** ..SO WE CAN GET CONTROL OF THIS. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN SPOKE. ARNOLD
6 SACHS. DIANA, DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY. I'M EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT
9 THIS ISSUE. THIS IS ONE OF THE MAIN CHAPTERS IN MY BOOK. AND
10 THE REASON WHY I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS ISSUE IS BECAUSE I'VE
11 SAT IN MANY ROOMS WHICH I HAD TRIED TO TELL SHERRY LASAGNA,
12 WHO WORKED FOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH BACK THEN, THAT THE WHOLE
13 KEY TO THIS IS THAT THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT SET UP
14 SOMETHING CALLED THE EVERGREEN CONTRACT AND THEY GAVE ALL OF
15 THEIR FOOTPRINT SCHOOLS. NOW, REMEMBER, FOOTPRINT SCHOOLS,
16 EVEN THOUGH WHEN THE SCHOOLS WERE BUILT, THEY SEEMED TO ALWAYS
17 COST MORE MONEY, BUT THEY WERE FOOTPRINT SCHOOLS TO NEPTUNE,
18 THOMAS AND DAVIS. AND WHAT THEY TOLD THEM TO DO IS TO BID
19 LOWER. AND THEY MADE UP MILLIONS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
20 DOLLARS BY PUTTING IN CHANGE ORDERS AFTER THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN
21 THE BID, BECAUSE THEY KNEW WHAT TO DO, WHAT TO BID LOW FOR,
22 AND THE CHANGE ORDERS WOULD THEN ADD UP TO HUNDREDS OF
23 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. AND THE BOARD WAS SO WEAK, THEY WOULD
24 ASK QUESTIONS, BUT THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,
25 NANCY SMITH, AND THEY LET IT GO ON AND ON AND ON. AND THEY

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1 CLAIM THAT THEY HAD AN EVERGREEN CONTRACT THAT THEY WERE
2 ENTITLED TO BUILD THE NEXT 20 SCHOOLS THAT THE PALMDALE SCHOOL
3 DISTRICT BUILT. I CAN TELL YOU, INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS JANET
4 SPATS, WHO WORKED FOR, I BELIEVE IT WAS JONES AT THE TIME,
5 RICHARD MCCLEAN MADE \$2.2 MILLION OFF OF INVESTING A \$10,000
6 JUST TO SET UP ESCROW. I'VE GOT THOSE DOCUMENTS. I CAN GO ON.
7 JIM VOSE, ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE, THAT'S HOW THEY HAD THEIR HANDS
8 IN THE COOKIE JAR WITH THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND WHEN
9 I STOOD UP AND BLEW THE WHISTLE ON THEM, THAT IS ONE OF THE
10 THINGS THEY DID TO DESTROY MY LIFE IN 1998. BUT THE WAY THEY
11 DO IT IS THEY -- AND O'MELVENY & MYERS WAS THE LAW FIRM THAT
12 WOULD PROTECT THEM. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT FORMER SECRETARY OF
13 STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER WAS A MAJOR PARTNER THERE. THEY GIVE
14 THESE CONTRACTS TO WHO THEY WANT TO GIVE THEM TO, AND THEY
15 MAKE UP THE MONEY THROUGH CHANGE ORDERS. I'VE BEEN THERE. I'VE
16 SEEN IT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE
19 US, 29. IT WAS HELD BUT IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
20 SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE IN VOTE?
21 OKAY. SO IT'S SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. IT'S PASSED. ALL RIGHT.
22 OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO ITEM 45, AND WE DO
23 HAVE A SPEAKER ON THAT ITEM. DARRELL KRUSE HAS SIGNED UP TO
24 SPEAK ON ITEM 45. AND THIS DOES REQUIRE FOUR VOTES. AND KUEHL

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1 REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS ABSTAINING IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

2 SORRY ABOUT THAT MIX-UP, SIR. GO AHEAD.

3

4 **DARRELL KRUSE:** NO PROBLEM. CANNABIS IS MEDICINE. IT'S USED BY
5 A LOT OF PEOPLE TO TREAT SYMPTOMS THAT THEY HAVE. AND
6 EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING IS DEPRIVING PEOPLE OF MEDICINE. WHAT
7 KIND OF PEOPLE DEPRIVE PEOPLE OF MEDICINE? ON MARCH 28TH,
8 2006, I ASKED THIS BOARD, I WAS SITTING RIGHT HERE AND I ASKED
9 THIS BOARD TO COME UP WITH REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS
10 CULTIVATION AND DISTRIBUTION. AND WHEN YOU DIDN'T DO THAT, SIX
11 WEEKS LATER I TOLD YOU ABOUT MY OPERATION OF CANNABIS
12 MEDICINE, CANNABIS MANUFACTURING, CULTIVATION, DISTRIBUTION.
13 AND TODAY I WAS TOLD BY COUNTY COUNSEL THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER
14 THAT I'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 14 YEARS THERE, THAT I CAN'T DO IT
15 ANYMORE. AND I'M JUST WONDERING WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
16 GET THEIR MEDICINE. I THINK THAT YOU OUGHT TO CONSIDER
17 FINANCING YOUR BUDGET. MEDICAL MARIJUANA CAN PROVIDE INCOME TO
18 THE COUNTY, AND YOU OUGHT TO GIVE THAT A CONSIDERATION. I'D
19 LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT IN 2004, I DECIDED TO EXPAND MY
20 OPERATIONS AND OPEN UP A DISPENSARY STOREFRONT IN ROWLAND
21 HEIGHTS. AND ON MAY 26TH OF 2005, I REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH
22 THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICE NOT TO OPERATE. THEY AGREED TO WORK
23 WITH ME, AND THEY NEVER DID. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS
2 BEFORE US, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED, FOR
3 SHEILA KUEHL WILL BE RECORDED AS ABSTAINING. MEASURE PASSES 4-
4 1. OKAY, MEMBERS. WE'RE GOING TO GO ON NOW TO SPECIAL ITEMS
5 AND ADJOURNMENTS. ACTUALLY, I WILL DEFER TO GO LAST ON THIS.
6 SO, I'LL START WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, BECAUSE I HAVE
7 QUITE A BIT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, WOULD YOU JOIN
10 ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF MARVA SMITH-BATTLE-BEY, ONE OF
11 THE LEADING COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
12 OUR COMMUNITIES. SHE PASSED THIS PAST WEEK. SHE EARNED A
13 BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN URBAN PLANNING, URBAN AND
14 REGIONAL PLANNING, AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC
15 ADMINISTRATION. SHE WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VERMONT-
16 SLAUSON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND SPEARHEADED OVER
17 \$60 MILLION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE
18 VERMONT-SLAUSON COMMUNITY. SHE WAS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS AN
19 AUTHORITY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OBTAINED ACADEMIC
20 RECOGNITION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE
21 SHE WAS A P.H.D. CANDIDATE AND SERVED ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
22 FOR THE SCHOOL OF POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. SHE WAS A
23 BOARD MEMBER OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL
24 CONGRESS FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ASSOCIATION FOR
25 WOMEN BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURS, AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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1 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, TO NAME JUST A FEW. SHE WILL BE
2 REMEMBERED FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY TOWARDS ECONOMIC
3 DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. MS. BATTLE-BEY IS
4 SURVIVED BY A HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS
5 OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY AND BEYOND, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS
6 HER DEARLY. MARVA SMITH BATTLE-BEY. I'D ASK MADAME CHAIR AND
7 COLLEAGUES IF YOU WOULD JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF
8 VIOLA HARRIS-HILL BORN MARCH THE 6TH, 1942 IN LOUISIANA, AND
9 SHE PASSED ON MARCH THE 17TH AT THE AGE OF 74. SHE ATTENDED
10 SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, WHERE SHE
11 MAJORED IN HOME ECONOMICS. SHE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE
12 WORKED FOR THE BROADWAY DEPARTMENT STORE BEFORE AND AFTER IT
13 BECAME THE MACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, FROM WHICH SHE RETIRED.
14 SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ
15 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ SERVICE
16 CENTER AND AN INSPECTOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA REGISTRAR VOTERS
17 ELECTION COMMITTEE. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER CIVIC
18 ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. MS. HARRIS-HILL IS SURVIVED
19 BY HER SON ERIC AND HER GRANDSON DERRICK AND A HOST OF FRIENDS
20 AND MEMBERS OF THE COMPTON COMMUNITY, WHO WILL MISS HER
21 DEARLY. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, IF YOU'D JOIN ME IN
22 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF HERMA VALERINE IBN ALE, BORN ON MAY
23 THE 9TH, 1937 IN ST. CATHERINE, JAMAICA, AND PASSED AWAY ON
24 THE 7TH AT THE AGE OF 78. THE 7TH OF APRIL AT THE AGE OF 78.
25 AS A YOUNG ADULT, SHE MOVED TO ENGLAND TO BECOME A REGISTERED

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1 NURSE AND EARNED HER NURSING DEGREE AND DIPLOMA FROM ST.
2 CRISPIN HOSPITAL AS WELL AS A DIPLOMA IN GENERAL NURSING WHILE
3 THERE. AND AFTER LEARNING A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE NURSING
4 SHORTAGE IN CANADA, SHE MOVED TO ONTARIO TO COMPLETE HER
5 PRACTITIONER'S COURSE AT MCMASTER UNIVERSITY AND RECEIVED
6 LICENSES FROM THE NURSING COUNCIL OF ENGLAND AND WALES, THE
7 NURSING COUNCIL OF CANADA, AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
8 YORK, WHERE SHE MET HER HUSBAND. AND THEN THEY LOCATED TO
9 NIGERIA. THE ENTIRE FAMILY MOVED THERE, WHERE THEY BOTH TAUGHT
10 AND PRACTICED MEDICINE AT LOCAL HOSPITALS. AFTER RETURNING TO
11 THE U.S., SHE UNDERTOOK A SECOND CAREER AS A REAL ESTATE AGENT
12 AND ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.
13 SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER DEDICATION TO NURSING AND THE
14 GREAT JOY SHE TOOK IN CREATING A PATH OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HER
15 CHILDREN. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MAGNUS, CHILDREN,
16 DEBORAH, DAVID, HELEN, AND JENNIFER, SON-IN-LAW VICTOR AND
17 SETH, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW MOLLY AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN, A HOST OF
18 FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. YOU
19 WILL WANT TO KNOW SHE IS THE MOTHER OF OUR NEW EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DEBORAH FLINT.
21 AND, FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WOULD YOU JOIN ME
22 IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF JOHETHER MCSWAIN, BORN ON APRIL THE
23 10TH, 1933 IN CLINTON, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY ON MARCH THE 25TH
24 AT THE AGE OF 82. IT WAS IN 1970 THAT SHE MOVED TO LOS
25 ANGELES, WHERE SHE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE IN

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1 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. SHE WORKED AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
2 IN L.A.U.S.D. FOR SOME 30 YEARS. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF
3 WINONA MCSWAIN, A CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER AND A SIBLING TO ALVAH
4 MCSWAIN- LAMBERT, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE CLINTON
5 12, WHO WERE THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS TO BE
6 ADMITTED INTO DESEGREGATED CLASS CLASSROOMS AS A RESULT OF THE
7 SUPREME COURT DECISION BROWN VS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. MISS
8 MCSWAIN LIVED HER LIFE IN SERVICE TO THE LOS ANGELES AND
9 WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITIES, WHERE SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
10 WILLOWBROOK FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, A SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
11 HELPED TO IMPROVE CHILD AND YOUTH LITERACY. SHE WILL BE
12 REMEMBERED AS A LEADER, AN EDUCATOR AND AN ACTIVIST. MS.
13 MCSWAIN IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SISTERS, UNA, LELA AND ALVAH,
14 AND HER BROTHER WANO, AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW
15 HER AND THE LEGENDARY CONTEXT IN TERMS OF THE STRUGGLE IN THE
16 NATION OUT OF WHICH SHE COMES. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING
17 MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR. AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, ON BEHALF OF
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN A MOTION
19 FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE 26TH, I BELIEVE IT IS, WHEN WE
20 RETURN. THIS ESSENTIALLY ADDRESSES REFORMING THE CIVIL SERVICE
21 HEARING PROCESS. AS YOU'LL KNOW, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS
22 COMMITTED TO DEDICATED TO SERVING ITS RESIDENTS WITH COURTESY,
23 INTEGRITY, AND EXCELLENCE. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF ITS MORE THAN
24 100,000 EMPLOYEES MEET THE STANDARDS. THE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
25 COMMISSION IS A CHARTER-MANDATED QUASI-JUDICIAL BODY COMPRISED

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1 OF APPOINTED PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO ACT AS THE APPELLATE BODY
2 FOR MAJOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, DISCHARGES, SUSPENSIONS IN
3 EXCESS OF FIVE DAYS, AND DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS FILED BY
4 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM OR APPLICANTS
5 FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT. THE COMMISSION HAS JURISDICTION OVER
6 ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION AND DISCIPLINE OR HIRING FOR
7 CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE COUNTY. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,
8 WHEN AN EMPLOYEE FAILS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION, A CASE IS
9 ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THE COMMISSION'S HEARING OFFICERS. THE
10 HEARING OFFICERS MAKE FACTUAL FINDINGS AND EVIDENTIARY
11 HEARINGS, THEN PROCEED. PARTIES TO THESE PROCEEDINGS HAVE THE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT, TO SUBPOENA, AND TO CROSS-EXAMINE. IN
13 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RULES WE
14 PLACE THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON THE DEPARTMENT. THEN ON THE 15TH
15 OF MARCH, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXAMINE
16 THE CONVERSATION RATES OF THE COMMISSION HEARING OFFICERS. THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' MARCH 25TH REPORT INDICATED THAT THE
18 CURRENT HEARING OFFICER AGREEMENTS WILL EXPIRE ON JULY THE
19 25TH. AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER PREPARES THE NEXT MASTER
20 AGREEMENT FOR HEARING OFFICER SERVICES, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT
21 THE BOARD RE-EVALUATE THE FISCAL, LEGAL, AND POLICY ASPECTS OF
22 THE COMMISSION. WE THEREFORE DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
23 THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY
24 COUNSEL TO ENGAGE A CONSULTANT REVIEW, ANALYZE AND RECOMMEND
25 IN WRITING SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL COUNTY CIVIL

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1 SERVICE COMMISSION PROCESS. WE THEN DELINEATE THE AREAS IN
2 WHICH THE ANALYSIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AND COVER. IT IS BEFORE
3 YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION WHEN WE RETURN IN TWO WEEKS. MADAME
4 CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO OBJECTION. THIS WILL COME BACK
7 APRIL 26TH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. COLLEAGUES, I ASK
10 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. LAUREN OZEN,
11 WHO DIED ON APRIL 4TH. SO DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HELPING THAT
12 MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT SHE WAS BORN TO BE A THERAPIST. GRADUATED
13 UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND IN SOUTH AFRICA, CAME TO THE
14 UNITED STATES IN 1986, PRACTICED PSYCHOLOGY IN LOS ANGELES FOR
15 25 YEARS. SHE VOLUNTEERED HER SERVICES AT THE VENICE FAMILY
16 CLINIC, WHERE A PLAQUE ON THE WALL OF THE CLINIC HONORS HER 10
17 YEARS OF PROVIDING PRO BONO COUNSELING TO THE CLINIC'S
18 PROFESSIONAL STAFF. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MICHAEL,
19 HER SONS JEREMY, DANIEL AND DAVID, HER PARENTS, BERNARD AND
20 FRIEDA UNTERHALTER, AND HER BROTHERS STEPHEN AND KENNETH. AND
21 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
22 JULIUS ZELMAN. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE
23 DEVELOPER, BUILT A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS THROUGH HIS ZELMAN
24 DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, COLLECTED AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF
25 WHISTLER ETCHINGS, WHICH THEY DONATED TO L.A.C.M.A., WHERE HE

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1 SERVED AS A TRUSTEE. HE ALSO SUPPORTED NUMEROUS U.C.L.A.
2 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANITA, AND
3 HIS DAUGHTER JULIE. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KATHERYN DUFFY, WHO DEDICATED HER LIFE TO
5 HELPING AND SAVING HOMELESS ANIMALS. SHE FOUNDED PET ADOPTION
6 FUND IN CANOGA PARK 33 YEARS AGO AND HELPED REHOME THOUSANDS
7 OF DOGS AND CATS OVER THE YEARS. THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF OF
8 PET ADOPTION FUND LOVED AND RESPECTED HER. AND I ASK THAT WHEN
9 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALAN DALE IHDE. HE
10 DEVELOPED A LOVE FOR BASEBALL, ELECTRONICS, AND PAINTING IN
11 HIS YOUTH, PASSIONS THAT HE CONTINUED INTO ADULthood. HE WAS
12 SIGNED BY THE BROOKLYN DODGERS AND BEGAN A SEVEN-YEAR
13 PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS A PITCHER IN THE LATE 1940S AND THROUGH
14 1956. AFTER RETIRING FROM BASEBALL, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE
15 AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AND SPENT A FEW YEARS AS AN ENTREPRENEUR.
16 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, WILMA, HIS BROTHER CRAIG, AND HIS
17 CHILDREN, MICHAEL AND WENDY. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
18 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. LEONARD HABER, WHO JOINED
19 THE MEDICAL STAFF OF OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL IN 1959 AND LATER
20 BECAME CHIEF OF MEDICINE AND CARDIOLOGY. AT OLIVE VIEW, HE
21 ESTABLISHED THE FIRST HEART CATHETERIZATION LAB, AND AFTER THE
22 SYLMAR EARTHQUAKE IN 1971, HE INITIATED INTENSIVE CARE UNITS
23 AT ST. JOSEPH, VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, AND HOLY CROSS.
24 HE ALSO SERVED AS AN ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE
25 AT U.C.L.A. FROM '66 TO '73, AS DIRECTOR OF CARDIOLOGY AT HOLY

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1 CROSS IN 1989. HE ENDOWED A STUDY ROOM AT THE OVIATT LIBRARY
2 AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, AS WELL AS HIS ENTIRE COLLECTION OF
3 EARLY JAMES JOYCE EDITIONS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
4 BERNICE, AND HIS CHILDREN KENNETH AND DEBORAH. AND I ASK THAT
5 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANNA NAZARIAN,
6 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WHO EARNED A DEGREE
7 IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM U.C.L.A. IN 1950 AND WENT ON TO WORK AT
8 THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, WHERE SHE COLLABORATED
9 WITH NOBEL PRIZE WINNER DR. GEORGE BEADLE. SHE WAS A FOUNDING
10 MEMBER OF ST. PETER ARMENIAN CHURCH IN VAN NUYS, SERVED ON THE
11 BOARD OF THE LADIES SOCIETY, AND WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE
12 ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION. FROM ITS INCEPTION, ANNA
13 WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE VALLEY GUILD OF THE ARARAT HOME,
14 SERVING ON NUMEROUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
15 FOUR CHILDREN, ANAHID, ELISA, NINA, AND RICHARD ARMEN. AND
16 FINALLY I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
17 OF AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN WHOSE HUSBAND LOVED HER SO MUCH HE
18 WROTE ONE OF THE BEST OBITUARIES I'VE EVER READ IN THE LOS
19 ANGELES TIMES. HER NAME WAS EVA LOIS EASTON-LEAF. HER HERO,
20 SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, SET OUT HER COURSE IN LIFE, AND SHE
21 QUOTED HIM OFTEN WHEN HE SAID, "THERE ARE THOSE WHO LOOK AT
22 THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE AND ASK WHY. I DREAM OF THINGS THAT
23 NEVER WERE AND ASK WHY NOT?" SHE WAS A FIERCE ADVOCATE OF THE
24 TRUTH, A TRUE BELIEVER IN SO MANY SO-CALLED LOST CAUSES, A
25 CHAMPION OF EVERY FIGHT SHE TOOK ON, A SMART AND A BRAVE

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1 WOMAN, AN ORIGINAL THINKER WITH A RAZOR-SHARP WIT AND A STRONG
2 MORAL COMPASS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER LOVING HUSBAND, DAVID.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR
5 KNABE?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY TODAY OF A DEAR FRIEND, KEN CLEVELAND, FORMER
9 BELLFLOWER CITY COUNCILMEMBER AND LONGTIME FRIEND PASSED AWAY
10 AT THE AGE OF 83 RECENTLY. HE LIVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
11 OVER 80 YEARS AND SERVED ON THE BELLFLOWER CITY COUNCIL A
12 TOTAL OF 17 YEARS, WAS SELECTED AS MAYOR FOUR TIMES. HIS LIFE
13 IS A LEGACY IN THE COMMUNITY OF BELLFLOWER. HE IS SURVIVED BY
14 HIS SIX CHILDREN, LINDA, JERRY, RON, GLEN, DONNA AND SHERRY,
15 AS WELL AS 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND 17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,
16 PRECEDED IN PASSING BY HIS WIFE. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED AND
17 APPRECIATED BY ALL THAT HE HAS DONE IN THE GREAT CITY OF
18 BELLFLOWER. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LORAIN ACKERMAN, A
19 LONGTIME LONG BEACH RESIDENT, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE
20 OF 96. SHE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS
21 HIGH SCHOOL. SHE SETTLED IN LONG BEACH WITH HER HUSBAND,
22 ATTORNEY JAMES H. ACKERMAN. THEY WERE INVOLVED IN MANY
23 PHILANTHROPIC, GIVING TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS A SMART,
24 CLASSY LADY WHO WAS NOT EASILY IMPRESSED AND APPRECIATED THE
25 SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE. SHE CHERISHED THE FAMILY ABOVE ALL ELSE

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1 AND LEFT A LEGACY OF SHOWING KINDNESS TO OTHERS. SHE WILL BE
2 MISSED BY MANY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, LEE AND
3 NANCY, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, AND FIVE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, I
4 BELIEVE. BUT ANYWAY, THE ACKERMAN FOUNDATION WAS TRULY THE
5 PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION FOR THE ARTS AS WELL AS THE
6 CONSERVANCY IN CATALINA, AND THEY WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO
7 KNEW THEM. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN PALMER OSBORNE, WHO
8 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE WORKED AT VARIOUS JOBS, AND SHE AND
9 TWO OF HER SISTERS RELOCATED TO CALIFORNIA IN 1945. SHE
10 MARRIED HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND, DALE PALMER. THEY MOVED TO
11 NORWALK. THEY BOTH WORKED FOR GENERAL TELEPHONE. RETIRED AFTER
12 24 YEARS AND WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ST. JOHN OF GOD
13 CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN NORWALK. HER HUSBAND DALE PASSED AWAY AT
14 THE AGE OF 53. SHE MET AND MARRIED HER SECOND HUSBAND, OZZIE
15 OSBORNE, WHO PASSED AWAY IN 1992. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE
16 CHILDREN, DAVID, THERESA AND MONICA AND HER GRANDCHILDREN AND
17 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
18 BETTY LUKAS, A RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, PASSED AWAY
19 PEACEFULLY AT HOME SURROUNDED BY HER CHILDREN. SHE WAS VERY
20 WELL-KNOWN IN THE PENINSULA AS A NO-NONSENSE REPORTER, WHOSE
21 CAREER SPANNED 50 YEARS, INCLUDING 18 AT "THE LOS ANGELES
22 TIMES." SHE WAS THE FIRST FEMALE NEWS EDITOR OF THE EDITORIAL
23 PAGES FOR THE TIMES IN 1973. SHE WAS A DAILY NEWSPAPER
24 REPORTER IN TOLEDO, OHIO, WHERE SHE GREW UP. SHE MOVED WITH
25 HER FAMILY TO PALOS VERDES ESTATES IN 1966, AND FROM 1967 TO

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1 '73 SHE WAS THE FEATURE EDITOR OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
2 NEWS. DURING THIS TIME SHE ATTENDED CLASSES AT U.S.C. IN THE
3 EVENING AND EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN JOURNALISM. AFTER
4 SHE RETIRED FROM THE TIMES IN 1991, SHE STUDIED ARCHITECTURE
5 AT THE EL CAMINO COLLEGE, FULFILLING ANOTHER LIFELONG PASSION.
6 SHE VOLUNTEERED AS EDITOR OF "H.E.L.P. IS HERE," A SENIOR
7 MAGAZINE, AND WAS PUBLICITY CHAIR FOR THE DAWN UNITY GROUP OUT
8 OF HARBOR INTERFAITH. SHE SERVED AS A DOCENT IN THE LOCAL
9 HISTORY ROOM AT THE PENINSULA CENTER AND WAS VERY, VERY
10 INVOLVED. AND SHE HAD A CHRONICLE PUBLISHED IN 2011. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE
12 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WITHOUT OBJECTION.
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AN ADJOURNMENT
18 OF SISTER MARY MICHAELINE GAHWOLF, SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
19 CARONDELET, THE ORDER MY AUNT HAD BELONGED TO, WHO HAD BEEN A
20 MEMBER SINCE MARCH OF 1939. SHE TAUGHT ELEMENTARY AND
21 INTERMEDIATE GRADES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALL OVER CALIFORNIA
22 FOR 60 YEARS. SISTER MARY IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, MARY, AND
23 HER NIECE. CONSTANCE "CONNIE" MARIE BARNES PASSED AWAY AT THE
24 AGE OF 77. SHE WAS A BUS DRIVER FOR THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION
25 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND A VOLUNTEER FOR THE

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1 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
2 THREE SONS. BERNARD MOON, TRAGICALLY KILLED BY A HOMEMADE
3 ROCKET EXPLOSION AT THE AGE OF 18. HE WAS A SENIOR AND HONOR
4 STUDENT AT THOUSAND OAKS HIGH SCHOOL, ENROLLED IN SEVERAL
5 ADVANCED SCIENCE CLASSES, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT,
6 PLACED IN 2014 AND 2015 VENTURA COUNTY SCIENCE FAIRS, WAS
7 WORKING ON HIS RESEARCH PROJECT FOR THE 2016 SCIENCE FAIR. HE
8 ALSO PLAYED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY TENNIS TEAM, HAD
9 RECEIVED ACCEPTANCE LETTERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
10 BERKELEY AND BROWN UNIVERSITY. AND HIS FAMILY ATTENDED THE
11 SAME PARISH THAT JIM OLSON, WHO WAS FORMER CURATOR OF OUR
12 MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ATTENDS WITH HIS WIFE, CONNIE, AND
13 SO THEY WERE FRIENDS OF THE OLSONS. AND BERNARD IS SURVIVED BY
14 HIS PARENTS AND HIS THREE BROTHERS. STANLEY HUR, LONGTIME
15 RESIDENT OF QUARTZ HILL, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 22. HE WAS
16 A STUDENT AT CAL POLY POMONA, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
17 PARENTS, JIN AND UNO. I ALSO HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT MOTION FOR
18 ANNA NAZARIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. AND AS WAS
19 STATED, SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A., A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
20 AT CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, WHERE SHE MET HER
21 HUSBAND AND HAD BEEN MARRIED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. SHE WAS
22 THE FOUNDING MEMBER OF ST. PETER'S ARMENIAN CHURCH IN VAN NUYS
23 AND QUITE ACTIVE WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY. AND ROBERT
24 HANLEY, RETIRED SERGEANT OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT., GILBERT "EUGENE" BRISCO, RETIRED LOS ANGELES

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1 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LEO B. MITCHELL, CUSTODY
2 ASSISTANT WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND HE
3 WAS -- HIS LAST UNIT WAS THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. AND
4 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND THEN I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO
5 READ COAUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, AND ALSO I HAVE
6 SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIRECTOR. ON MARCH
7 24TH, THE C.E.O. ISSUED THE STATUS REPORT ON THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSITION 47 TASKFORCES. REPORT COVERS
9 ISSUES SURROUNDING A HOST OF OUTREACH EFFORTS TO REACH
10 QUALIFIED OFFENDERS FOR LEGAL RELIEF AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF
11 OTHER SERVICES TO THIS POPULATION, INCLUDING WORKFORCE
12 DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE
13 ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES. THE REPORT INCLUDES A BRIEF
14 STATEMENT CONCERNING VICTIMS, SPECIFICALLY THAT THE DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY MUST ALSO CONTACT AFFECTED VICTIMS TO PROVIDE NOTICE
16 AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AS IT RELATES TO RESENTENCING
17 UNDER PROPOSITION 47. WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
18 DIRECT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS
19 IMPACTED BY PROP 47 CRIMES; TWO, TRACK AND MONITOR THE
20 OUTREACH EFFORTS CURRENTLY USED AND NEWLY PROPOSED TO PROVIDE
21 VICTIMS ADVANCE NOTIFICATION ABOUT UPCOMING RESENTENCING
22 MATTERS, HEARINGS, AND THEIR RIGHT TO BE HEARD; IDENTIFY ANY
23 BARRIERS THAT PREVENT VICTIMS FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS
24 ALONG WITH POTENTIAL SERVICES OR SUPPORT BY THE COUNTY TO
25 ALLEVIATE THOSE BARRIERS; AND TO INCLUDE THE INFORMATION

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1 REQUESTED ABOVE IN THE C.E.O.'S NEXT QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE
2 STATUS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROP 47. SO, THIS IS A REPORT
3 BACK.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WAIT, OKAY, I WANT TO DO A PROP 47 MOTION WITH
8 HILDA. I'M LEFT OUT IN THIS DEAL, MAN. I MEAN..

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** ..I WANT TO DO A MOTION. DO WE WANT TO DO A JOINT?
13 I'LL MAKE ONE UP QUICK. NO [LAUGHTER.]

14

15 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO --

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION. OKAY. I
18 HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS, MEMBERS, AND I'LL TRY TO RUN
19 THROUGH THEM QUICKLY. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
20 OF ANTHONY MICHAEL ORTIZ. MR. ORTIZ WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 2,
21 1954 IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 7TH OF
22 THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 61. HE GRADUATED FROM GARFIELD HIGH
23 SCHOOL IN 1972, SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE.
24 HE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS JOKES, LAUGHTER AND BRINGING MUSIC
25 AND FUN TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,

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1 IRMA, HIS SON ANDREW, HIS SIBLINGS AND A HOST OF EXTENDED
2 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL DEARLY MISS HIM. I MOVE
3 TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AGUEDA RIBERA. MS. RIBERA
4 WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1924 IN ILFIELD, NEW MEXICO. SHE
5 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 8, 2016 AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WORKED AS A
6 WAITRESS FOR 30 YEARS. SHE RELOCATED TO L.A. COUNTY IN 1965
7 AND WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF HIGHLAND PARK. WAS A DEVOTED
8 MOTHER OF THE SISTERS OF ST. AGNES, LOYOLA CHURCH -- I'M
9 SORRY, DEVOTED MEMBER OF ST. AGNES LOYOLA CHURCH. SHE WILL BE
10 REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE, CARE AND DEDICATION TO HER FAMILY AND
11 FAITH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, JERRY, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW,
12 BERTHA, BROTHER JOE, GRANDCHILDREN, JERRY, ANNETTE, JOSHUA, AS
13 WELL AS TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS
14 AND FRIENDS. AND LASTLY ON ADJOURNMENTS, IT'S WITH SADNESS
15 THAT I ANNOUNCE THE ADJOURNMENT TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF OLIVIA
16 BROWN JAMES. MS. JAMES WAS BORN ON JUNE 10, 1932 IN MARIANNA,
17 ARKANSAS, AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 11, 2016 AT THE AGE OF 83.
18 SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, WHERE SHE
19 EARNED HER DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION. MS. BROWN RELOCATED
20 TO LOS ANGELES AFTER COLLEGE. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ST. PAUL
21 A.M.E. CHURCH IN VALINDA AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN
22 GABRIEL VALLEY N.A.A.C.P. AND THE WOMEN LEAGUE OF VOTERS
23 COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. SHE WAS WELL LOVED AND ADMIRER BY
24 MANY, HER FAMILY, HER CHURCH, AND HER COMMUNITY. SHE'S
25 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, CLIFTON WHO IS A GOOD FRIEND, SON

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1 MICHAEL, DAUGHTER MICHELLE, TWO BROTHERS, TWO SISTERS, FIVE
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND
3 FRIENDS WHO WILL DEARLY MISS HER. I ALSO WILL MISS HER. AND
4 LASTLY I WANT TO ALSO SUBMIT A MOTION, READ A MOTION THAT WILL
5 BE BROUGHT BACK TO US THE FOLLOWING WEEK WHEN WE COME BACK
6 FROM OUR TRIP. "ON MARCH 23RD, 2016, THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE
7 OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED HOUSE BILL NUMBER 2, CALLED THE
8 PUBLIC FACILITIES PRIVACY AND SECURITY ACT, KNOWN H.B.2.,
9 PASSED IN RESPONSE TO A LOCAL ORDINANCE THAT PERMITTED
10 TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS TO USE THE PUBLIC BATHROOMS OF THE SEX
11 WITH WHICH THEY IDENTIFY. IN ADDITION, THE BILL MORE BROADLY
12 PRECLUDES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM PASSING ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
13 LAWS TO PROTECT A RANGE OF GROUPS. LAST OCTOBER, MEMBERS, THIS
14 BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO STAND UP FOR LESBIAN, GAY,
15 BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY WELFARE SYSTEM BY PROACTIVELY TRAINING OUR COUNTY
17 WORKERS TO MORE FULLY ADDRESS THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THESE
18 CHILDREN. H.B.2 REQUIRES US TO STAND UP AGAIN IN SOLIDARITY
19 WITH THE L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
20 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY RECENTLY CANCELED ITS PARTICIPATION
21 IN A NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA, EXPRESSING THEIR
22 OPPOSITION TO THE LAW." ALL OF US HERE SERVE AS MEMBERS OF
23 METRO BOARD. "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
24 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUSPEND ALL TRAVEL TO THE STATE
25 OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE CONDUCT OF COUNTY BUSINESS UNLESS

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1 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DETERMINES THAT THE FAILURE TO
2 AUTHORIZE SUCH TRAVEL WOULD SERIOUSLY HARM THE COUNTY'S
3 INTERESTS. THIS BAN IS TO BE LIFTED UPON THE SUSPENSION OR
4 REPEAL OF H.B.2 AND SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
5 GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLY AND
6 SENATE COMMUNICATING THE COUNTY'S BAN AND CALLING FOR
7 IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF THIS LEGISLATION AND, LASTLY, REPORT BACK
8 IN 60 DAYS IN CONSULTATION WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION
9 ON HUMAN RELATIONS WITH AN INVENTORY OF ANY CURRENT COUNTY
10 POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF GENDER IDENTITY OR
11 GENDER EXPRESSION, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF ALL-GENDER
12 RESTROOMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR CHANGING THESE
13 POLICIES TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE IN HONORING OF L.G.B.T.Q.
14 INDIVIDUALS." AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.
15 THIS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK FOLLOWING -- APRIL 26TH, YES. YEAH.
16 NO.

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18 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, WITHOUT OBJECTION? YES. YEAH.
21 OKAY. THIS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO US.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, I HAVE A --

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE.

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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO THE GAS LEAK AND THE
3 PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED, I'VE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF
4 LETTERS, WHICH I'VE SHARED WITH YOU, AND ONE FROM ADRINE
5 KASHISHIAN. SHE HAD WRITTEN THAT, "I AM WRITING THIS EMAIL,
6 BECAUSE," SHE'S WRITING THIS TO THE PEOPLE, "MY HUSBAND AND
7 OUR TWO CHILDREN, 8 AND 11, RELOCATED TO A HOTEL SINCE
8 DECEMBER 9TH. WE HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR OUR MEALS SINCE
9 JANUARY 4TH, OVER THREE MONTHS. I HAVE CALLED OVER 30 TIMES
10 AND LEFT SEVERAL MESSAGES FOR THE LIAISON WHICH HAS BEEN
11 ASSIGNED TO ME. I TRIED CALLING RALPH BALLISER, THE ROUTE
12 OPTIMIZATION TEAM LEADER, WHO NEVER ANSWERS THE PHONE,
13 EXCHANGED SEVERAL EMAILS WITH FREDERICK HUBBARD, KNOWLEDGE
14 MANAGEMENT ADVISER, VISITED AT THE RESOURCE CENTER AT LEAST
15 FOUR TIMES, HAVING TO WAIT OVER AN HOUR EACH TIME WITH NO LUCK
16 AND NO ANSWERS. MR. HUBBARD'S LAST EMAIL INDICATED THAT HE
17 PERSONALLY HAS SUBMITTED AND AUTHORIZED THE PAYMENT AT LEAST
18 NINE TIMES, AND STILL NO REIMBURSEMENT CHECKS HAVE BEEN ISSUED
19 OR RECEIVED. EVERYONE CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH
20 MY FILE BUT CANNOT EXPLAIN WHY WE ARE NOT GETTING OUR CHECK.
21 IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING WAITING OVER THREE MONTHS TO RECEIVE OUR
22 REIMBURSEMENT WHILE OUR CREDIT CARDS ARE FILLING UP, BUT WE
23 HAVE TO STILL HAVE TO MAKE OUR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WITH
24 INTEREST, MORTGAGE AND UTILITIES FOR OUR RESIDENCE, WHICH HAS
25 BEEN VACANT. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR

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1 ADVANCING YOUR TIME." ALSO, JENNIFER MALBAUER, WHO HAD SAID --
2 SHE SENT THIS LETTER TO THE GAS COMPANY. "I HAVE FOLLOWED THE
3 GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY YOUR COMPANY WITH REGARD TO
4 REIMBURSEMENT, FILLED OUT THE NECESSARY ONLINE SUBMISSION
5 FORMS, REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FORMS, SENT THE NECESSARY EMAILS TO
6 THE EMAIL, CALLED AND EMAILED TO FOLLOW-UP TO BE SURE IT WAS
7 RECEIVED, WAS TOLD VIA PHONE, EMAIL, AND FACE-TO-FACE THAT,
8 YES, YOUR COMPANY IS INDEED IN RECEIPT OF MY CLAIMS. YET HERE
9 IT IS, TWO MONTHS LATER, AND I'M STILL WAITING FOR A CHECK.
10 THIS IS MY FIFTH REQUEST, INCLUDING EMAILS, PHONE CALLS, IN-
11 PERSON INQUIRIES REGARDING MY REIMBURSEMENT FOR THESE FOUR
12 OUTSTANDING CLAIMS." AND THEN WALTER ARWOOD, WHO ALSO HAS
13 SIMILAR FRUSTRATIONS. HOW CAN WE JUMP-START THE PROCESS, THE
14 CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO THAT THEY ARE REIMBURSED? AND, OTHERWISE,
15 IF THERE'S LAWSUITS, THOSE CLAIMS WILL NEVER BE CLAIMED, LET'S
16 SAY, PROVIDED FOR -- TILL YEARS. AND YET, THESE PEOPLE HAVE
17 MORTGAGE PAYMENTS, AUTOMOBILE PAYMENTS, AND CHILDREN IN
18 SCHOOL. I THINK, ONE, THEY HAVE TO DRIVE BACK AND FORTH 50
19 MILES, IT'S STUPID. AND THIS IS FROM A COMPANY THAT'S SUPPOSED
20 TO BE SERVICING THE PUBLIC FROM THE FRONT, NOT THE BACK.

21

22 **BRIAN STIGER:** SUPERVISOR, BRIAN STIGER, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS
23 AFFAIRS. WE'VE BEEN VERY CONCERNED WITH THE SLOWNESS OF THE
24 REIMBURSEMENTS MADE BY SOUTHERN -- BY THE COMPANY. WE HAVE
25 STAFF THAT ARE WORKING ON THIS FULL-TIME. THEY'RE WORKING WITH

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1 THE CONSUMERS. WE'RE WORKING WITH MIKE FEUER'S OFFICE ALSO AND
2 WITH THE GAS COMPANY. WE'RE STEPPING UP OUR EFFORTS. WE ARE A
3 LITTLE BIT CONSTRAINED BY JURISDICTION AND TRYING TO FIND OUT
4 WHAT THE FACTS ARE. BUT WE ARE. WE UNDERSTAND THE PRIORITY. WE
5 HAVE STAFF WORKING ON THIS FULL-TIME, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE
6 WORKING MUCH MORE CLOSELY WITH THE GAS COMPANY ITSELF.

7

8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND, COUNTY COUNSEL, BECAUSE OF OUR
9 ACTIONS, THE COUNTY'S ACTIONS, WE HAVE ALLOWED THE PEOPLE TO
10 STAY LONGER IN THEIR HOMES, AND WE HAD ASKED -- THE CITY OF
11 L.A. ONLY WANTED 72 HOURS AND 8 DAYS. WE WERE ABLE TO GET 30
12 DAYS. AND WE'RE BACK IN COURT, WHERE WE'RE LOOKING AT MAY 1ST,
13 BECAUSE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS DOING THE INSPECTIONS RIGHT
14 NOW. IN FACT, SOME OF THESE PEOPLE, WHEN THEY WRITE, ALSO ARE
15 HAVING ILL EFFECTS FROM THE GAS LEAK. EVEN SOME OF OUR
16 INSPECTORS HAD ILL EFFECTS DOING THE INSPECTIONS. SO, THE
17 STATUS ON THAT? HAS THE COURT RULED MAY 1ST, OR THEY'RE STILL
18 DELAYING ON THAT ISSUE?

19

20 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, THE COURT HASN'T RULED YET, BUT AS
21 LONG AS THEY DON'T RULE, THE RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO STAY OUT
22 THERE. SO, YOU KNOW, NO NEWS IS KIND OF NEW GOOD NEWS ON THAT
23 SCORE.

24

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO, IT'S GOOD NEWS ON OUR PART. THE
2 RESIDENTS WILL STILL BE REIMBURSED. BUT ALONG WITH BEING
3 REIMBURSED ON PAPER, THEY SHOULD BE RECEIVING THE STIPEND TO
4 PAY FOR THESE COSTS.

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6 **BRIAN STIGER:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, THE
9 DELAYS.

10

11 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE ALSO VERY FRUSTRATED AND
12 WORKING AND WE WILL BE WORKING WITH CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE
13 CITY IN PUSHING. WE FORWARD EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE, BUT WE
14 NEED TO MAKE A MORE CONCERTED EFFORT TO GET THESE PEOPLE
15 REIMBURSED.

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW CAN -- WHAT CAN WE DO AT OUR
18 LEVEL TO HAVE THEM IMPLEMENT THOSE REIMBURSEMENTS?

19

20 **LARRY HAFETZ:** WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS CONTACT -- WE WILL BE
21 CONTACTING THE CITY AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO SET UP
22 THAT WHOLE PROCESS FOR REIMBURSEMENT AND LET THEM KNOW THAT
23 THE PROCESS IS BREAKING DOWN. WE HAVE TOLD THEM REPEATEDLY,
24 BUT WE NEED TO FOLLOW-UP WITH THEM. AND ALSO, WE NEED TO
25 CONTACT SO CAL GAS AND PUSH IT WITH SO CAL GAS MOSTLY.

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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, BRIAN. AND YOU
3 HAVE THOSE LETTERS I SENT YOU?

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5 **BRIAN STIGER:** I DO.

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7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LAST NIGHT?

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9 **BRIAN STIGER:** I DO.

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11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU CONTACTED THOSE?

12

13 **BRIAN STIGER:** YES, WE HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS FALLS UNDER ITEM C.S.-1, ARNOLD
20 SACHS.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
23 AND EVERY TIME I'VE COME IN HERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS ITEM, I
24 BELIEVE TWO WEEKS AGO THE DISCUSSION WAS ABOUT A C.E.Q.A.
25 REQUEST AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL MENTIONED THERE WAS NO RECORD

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1 OF C.E.Q.A. IT'S FASCINATING. THIS IS A STORY FROM SEPTEMBER
2 24TH, 2015, C.E.Q.A. SUITS BLOCK HOUSING AND TRANSIT. AND
3 WHAT'S REALLY FASCINATING ABOUT THE LACK OF THE C.E.Q.A.
4 REPORT IS, AND COUNTY COUNSEL MENTIONED THAT THEY WENT BACK 20
5 YEARS TO LIKE TO THE EARLY 80S, AND YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY
6 INVOLVED HERE, BECAUSE AT FIRST IT WAS AN OIL FIELD. THEN IT
7 PUMPED OUT MOST OF THE OIL, AND THEY CONVERTED INTO GAS
8 STORAGE. BUT THE PROPERTY PROBABLY WAS PURCHASED BY ONE OF THE
9 RETIREMENT FUNDS -- IT MAKES SENSE HERE -- AS AN INVESTMENT.
10 AND ESSENTIALLY, IT WAS A LAUNDERED INVESTMENT. THEY SAT ON
11 THE PROPERTY AND THEY ARE THE SALESPERSONS INVOLVED TO THE
12 DEVELOPERS. THERE WAS ANOTHER STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER LAST WEEK
13 ABOUT THEY INTERVIEWED SOMEBODY WHO WAS A PRESIDENT OF A
14 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. AND COMING BACK TO THE NEWSPAPERS,
15 YOU SAY, WELL, DIDN'T THEY ASK -- HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING
16 ABOUT THE FACILITY THERE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS'
17 ASSOCIATION DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE FACILITY WAS THERE. THERE WAS
18 NO C.E.Q.A. REPORT REQUIRED. WOULDN'T A.Q.M.D. HAVE DONE --
19 STEPPED IN THERE, WITH ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT WENT ON, WITH
20 ALL THE NEW HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS THAT CAME THROUGH? THE
21 LAST ONE YOU TALKED ABOUT, YOU SAID WE WANT TO STOP THAT
22 DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE IT'S AN UNHEALTHY SITUATION. SOMETHING
23 WRONG HERE FOR SURE. THERE'S SOME GAS, ALL RIGHT.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE
2 HAVE SPEAKERS FROM LANCASTER, WILLIAM FILION. DR. DIANA BEARD-
3 WILLIAMS AND JEREMIAH JENKINS AND MICHAEL JENKINS. GO AHEAD,
4 SIR. STATE YOUR NAME.

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6 **WILLIAM FILION:** WELL, MY NAME IS WILLIAM FILION. I'M WITH
7 HOUSE OF SHALOM. I'M CARTING REGARDING A TAX SALE AT 38536
8 DESERT VIEW DRIVE IN PALMDALE. A PERSON THAT CARED LENT US
9 \$28,000 TO PAY TAXES. I MISSED THE A.P.N. NUMBER BY ONE
10 NUMBER. WE CALLED FOUR TIMES AFTER THE TAX SALE. THE HOUSE WAS
11 NOT SOLD. FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE SALE, THE HOUSE WAS SOLD FOR
12 \$100,000. THE LANCASTER MUSLIM CLERIC PAID \$100,000 FOR THE
13 HOUSE AND SOLD IT FOR \$250,000. THE HOUSE WAS ILLEGALLY SOLD
14 FOUR YEARS AGO. HOUSE OF SHALOM WAS NEVER REIMBURSED THE
15 \$70,000 OVERAGE. THE PERSON THAT CARED NOW DESPISES US. I
16 BELIEVE HIM TO BE SUICIDAL BECAUSE OF THE FOUR YEARS WITH NO
17 FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT. A MORMON HIGH PRIEST WROTE IN A
18 FEDERAL LAWSUIT, "NO CATHOLIC CHURCH OR MORMON CHURCH PAYS
19 TAXES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OR CALIFORNIA OR IN AMERICA. THEY
20 ARE 501(C)(3) TAX-EXEMPT. HOUSE OF SHALOM AND HOUSE OF SHALOM
21 MINISTRY ARE 501(C)(3) TAX-EXEMPT. SHALOM HAD FIVE HOUSES. WE
22 NOW HAVE ONE BECAUSE OF TAXES. WE HOUSE, FEED, AND CLOTHE 13
23 PEOPLE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS REFUSED TO PAY THE OVERAGE FROM
24 THE ILLEGAL TAX SALE FOUR YEARS AGO. IF THE PERSON THAT CARED
25 AND NOW DESPISES US AND COMMITS SUICIDE BECAUSE OF NO

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1 REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOUR YEARS, IS HOUSE OF SHALOM GUILTY? IS
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY GUILTY OF MURDER?

3

4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SIR, LET US HAVE THAT INFORMATION,
5 AND COUNTY COUNSEL WILL REVIEW THAT WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
6 FOR THE BOARD. AND THERE'S SOMEBODY AT THE LIBRARY WHO CAN
7 TAKE THAT INFORMATION AND GET IT TO US.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER FROM LANCASTER?

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11 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** YOUR NAME?

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13 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** JEREMIAH?

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15 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** JEREMIAH WHAT?

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17 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** JENKINS.

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19 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY, JEREMIAH WANTED TO TESTIFY
20 TODAY BECAUSE HE GOES TO OPTIMISTS AND HE WANTED TO EXPLAIN
21 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ALL THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UP HERE, HE
22 WANTED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY WE ARE CONCERNED, BOARD MEMBERS,
23 THAT THERE REALLY AREN'T THE KIND OF SERVICES UP HERE YOU
24 THINK. JEREMIAH, YOU GET COUNSELING FROM OPTIMISTS? WHO'S YOUR
25 THERAPIST.

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2 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** JUANITA.

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4 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY, JUANITA CUMMINGS. NOW, HOW
5 OFTEN, WHAT KIND OF THERAPY DO YOU GET? DOES SHE COME TO SEE
6 YOU?

7

8 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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10 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** AND WHAT DO YOU DO?

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12 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** REALLY, NOTHING. ONE TIME WE PLAYED CHECKERS
13 AND THAT'S ABOUT IT. WE TALK.

14

15 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY, DO YOU TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT
16 MATTER TO YOU?

17

18 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** NO.

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20 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** DO YOU TALK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER'S
21 DEATH OR THINGS THAT HURT YOU INSIDE?

22

23 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** NO.

24

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1 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY. HAVE I ASKED HER TO TALK ABOUT
2 THOSE KIND OF THINGS WITH YOU?

3

4 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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6 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY, THE REASON I WANTED TO BRING
7 JEREMIAH FORWARD SO THAT YOU CAN SEE HIM, BECAUSE WE NEED TO
8 START SEEING THE FACES OF THESE CLIENTS WHO YOU ARE SPENDING
9 MONEY FOR THEM TO GET COUNSELING AND SAYING THAT THEY HAVE
10 COUNSELING SERVICES. AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IS LIKE WITH
11 OPTIMIST, THEY'RE NOT GETTING COUNSELING SERVICES. ONCE A
12 MONTH HE GOES IN AND GETS A PRESCRIPTION FROM A PSYCHIATRIST
13 AND THEY SEND OUT A THERAPIST TO WORK WITH HIM AND SHE PLAYS
14 CHECKERS, AND SHE REALLY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO PLAY
15 CHECKERS. I HAD TO TEACH HER, BECAUSE SHE WAS PLAYING IT LIKE
16 SHE WAS PLAYING CHESS. THAT IS WHAT IS GOING ON WITH HIM, AND
17 THAT'S NOT HELPING HIM. AND AN EARLIER CALLER, I MEAN, AN
18 EARLIER SPEAKER SAID THESE CHILDREN GROW UP. AND HE'S
19 BRILLIANT IN TERMS OF MATH AND SCIENCE, BUT THEY GROW UP WITH
20 PAIN IN THEIR SOULS AND THEIR HEARTS. I AM NOT AN M.F.C.C. I'M
21 NOT AN L.C.S.W. THAT'S WHAT OPTIMIST IS SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.
22 AND THEY'RE NOT. THEY'RE NOT USING THAT MONEY WISELY. AND I
23 WISH THE BOARD WOULD PUT IT ON THEIR AGENDA TO PLEASE LOOK
24 INTO IT. WOULD YOU BE HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THOSE KIND OF THINGS
25 WITH HER?

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED, MA'AM.

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4 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I -- THAT'S HIM. I THINK I HAVE TWO
5 MINUTES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE SPEAKING TWICE HERE.

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9 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** EXCUSE ME?

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU WERE SPEAKING TWICE.

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13 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I'M TAKING FIVE?

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE SPEAKING TWICE. YOU SPOKE FOR
16 THE YOUNG MAN.

17

18 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** WELL, I SPOKE FOR HIM, BECAUSE HE'S
19 AUTISTIC AND HE COULDN'T SPEAK FOR HIMSELF.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT. YOU
22 SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT, THOUGH. YOU SHOULD HAVE STATED THAT
23 CLEARLY. GO AHEAD.

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1 **DR. DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** WELL, YOU NOW -- YOU -- OKAY.

2 BASICALLY ALL I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU IS I REALLY WANTED TO

3 MAKE A COMMENT TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL. YOU SAID THAT WHAT WAS

4 UNIQUE ABOUT YOUR POSITION IS THAT YOU FIGHT FOR THINGS, AS

5 OPPOSED TO US JOURNALISTS. I'VE HAD COLUMNS THAT APPEARED IN

6 MAJOR NEWSPAPERS ALL AROUND THE WORLD, LET ALONE THE UNITED

7 STATES. AND WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT WE'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN YOU.

8 I TAKE THINGS VERY SERIOUSLY, AND I DON'T WRITE AN ARTICLE AND

9 JUST WALK AWAY. THAT'S WHY I COME HERE AND I TALK, EVEN THOUGH

10 I HAVE P.T.S.D. FROM ALL I'VE BEEN THROUGH AND I HAVE

11 CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. BUT I TAKE IT JUST AS SERIOUSLY AS

12 YOU DO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, BECAUSE PEOPLE PASS THEIR PAIN ON TO

13 ME AND IT STAYS WITH ME AND I TRY TO EXPRESS IT TO YOU. AND

14 FOR 20 YEARS I'VE TRIED TO EXPRESS TO THIS BOARD ALL OF THE

15 CORRUPTION THAT HAS GONE ON IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE FACT

16 THAT I HAVE PROOF, AND NOW I'M FORCED TO BRING IT FORTH IN A

17 BOOK CALLED "THE ABSENCE OF HONOR," BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY I CAN

18 GET IT OUT OF MY SOUL IN A CATHARTIC EXPERIENCE IS TO PUT IT

19 ON PAPER. AND I DON'T WANT TO PUT IT -- I DON'T WANT TO OPEN

20 PANDORA'S BOX, I DON'T WANT TO GET A BULLET IN THE HEAD,

21 BECAUSE IT'S LIKE A MAFIA ISSUE UP HERE. I ONLY ASKED ONE

22 THING FROM MICHAEL ANTONOVICH MANY YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE

23 FRIENDS. NANCY SMITH LAUNDERED MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF

24 DOLLARS THROUGH THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND THAT'S ALL I

25 EVER ASKED, WAS JUSTICE FOR THE KIDS. AND I JUST ALWAYS HAPPEN

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1 TO KNOW EVERYTHING ELSE. SO, I'M NO DIFFERENT THAN YOU,
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I GO TO BED AT NIGHT, AND I CARE. THANK YOU.

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4 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** MR. JENKINS? TIME'S GOING.

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6 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** HELLO? AM I ON?

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, YOU ARE. GO AHEAD. YOUR TIME'S
9 ALREADY --

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11 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** OKAY MY NAME IS EVANGELIST MIKE JENKINS
12 AGAIN, AND I'M COMING BACK WITH MY SON, JEREMIAH. YOU JUST SAW
13 HIM. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT OPTIMIST SERVICES REFUSED HIS
14 MEDICATION. HE HAS BEEN WITHOUT MEDICATION FOR ABOUT THREE
15 WEEKS NOW. I HAVE CHECKED WITH HIS THERAPIST. SHE SAYS SHE'S
16 REPORTED IT. I WENT DOWN YESTERDAY TO TRY AND TALK TO HER
17 SUPERVISOR. I SPOKE TO NANCY RAMOS, WHO IS THE REGIONAL
18 DIRECTOR. SHE TOLD ME THAT THE THERAPIST ONLY COMES UP ONCE A
19 MONTH AND THAT HE CANNOT BE SEEN UNTIL WEDNESDAY. HE IS
20 WITHOUT MEDICATION. THAT'S WHY HE'S REACTING TO THE WAY HE'S
21 DOING NOW, BECAUSE THEY REFUSE TO CALL THE PHARMACIST AND GET
22 HIM THE MEDICATION HE NEEDS. HE'S WITHOUT MEDICATION. THAT'S
23 WHY HE'S REACTING TO THE WAY HE'S REACTING NOW. MIKE
24 ANTONOVICH, WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE NEED YOUR SERVICES HERE.
25 PLEASE DO SOMETHING. NANCY RAMOS TURNED US DOWN YESTERDAY. THE

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1 STAFF TURNED US DOWN. OPTIMIST NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH. THESE
2 SERVICES UP HERE NEED TO BE DEALT WITH, MIKE ANTONOVICH. AS
3 FAR AS OPTIMIST, PENNY LANE AND THE OTHER ONES, PLEASE DO
4 SOMETHING BEFORE YOU TERM OUT. MY SON IS ACTING UP RIGHT NOW
5 BECAUSE HE'S WITHOUT MEDICATION. HE'S BEEN WITHOUT MEDICATION
6 FOR TWO, THREE WEEKS. I'M ASKING FOR YOUR HELP HERE. THE STAFF
7 THERE, PLEASE DO SOMETHING TO HELP MY SON HERE THAT NEEDS
8 MEDICATION. PLEASE. THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING FOR. LOOK AT THE
9 WAY HE'S ACTING. HE'S ACTING BECAUSE HE'S UNMEDICATED. PLEASE
10 DO SOMETHING TO HELP US OUT. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICE LOOK INTO THAT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
14 FAMILY SERVICES.

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16 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. GOD BLESS YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS HERE
19 IN THE HALL: JOSEPH MAIZLISH, ARNOLD SACHS, CHRISTIAN EMANUEL,
20 ERIC PREVEN, OSCAR MOHAMMAD, JEFF DOUEK. GO AHEAD.

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22 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. AND A COUPLE THINGS HAVE COME
23 UP DURING DISCUSSION THAT I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION
24 I HOPE WILL BE OF HELP. I KNOW, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU AND --
25 ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL FOR A REVIEW OF THE LEGAL SITUATION

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1 OF THE COUNTY AND ITS STATUS OF WHAT OBLIGATION IT HAS AND THE
2 SHERIFF HAS TO RETAIN OR TO USE EARLY-RELEASE PERCENTAGES OF
3 TIME SERVED. THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND FOR
4 A COUPLE OF YEARS, AND I FINALLY HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK INTO IT.
5 THAT IS, DOES -- WELL, ONE OF THE PROBLEMS OF A.B. 109 IS IT
6 GAVE THE COUNTY A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY, SOME MONEY. IT DIDN'T
7 GIVE THE COUNTY ALL THE AUTHORITY THAT THE STATE HAD OVER
8 THOSE FOLKS WHEN THEY WERE STATE PRISONERS, NAMELY PAROLE. SO
9 I ASKED SOMEBODY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT THAT, AND
10 HE SAYS, OH. NO, THE COUNTY DOES HAVE PAROLE AUTHORITY, AND HE
11 GAVE ME SOMETHING. HE GAVE ME A REFERENCE TO SOME LEGISLATION.
12 AND DEPUTY CHIEF BINGHAM SAID THAT INDEED THERE WAS ONCE USED
13 COUNTY PAROLE. THIS MIGHT BE OF HELP WITH SOME OF THE LONG-
14 TERM A.B. 109 PEOPLE. IT WOULD CERTAINLY INCENTIVIZE THEM TO
15 PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS AND ACT WELL IN THE JAILS. SO, THAT'S
16 SOMETHING I WANTED TO OFFER TO SOMEBODY. I HAVE HERE THE TEXT
17 OF IT. SHALL I GIVE IT TO YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, OR THE COUNTY
18 COUNSEL, OR WHO SHOULD HAVE THE -- ABOUT THE COUNTY PAROLE
19 AUTHORITY? WELL, OKAY. AND OTHER POINT I WANTED TO MAKE HERE
20 IS WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE NEEDS FOR FUNDING. LET'S REMEMBER
21 THAT I BELIEVE YOU FOLKS ARE CONTEMPLATING SADDLING US, WITH
22 POSSIBLY WITHOUT A TAXPAYER AND RESIDENT AND CITIZEN VOTE, FOR
23 \$130 MILLION A YEAR FOR 30 YEARS OF PAYMENTS FOR A JAIL
24 CONCEIVED AND PLANNED BEFORE ALL THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU ARE NOW
25 JUST STARTING TO USE WENT INTO OR ARE GOING INTO EFFECT.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

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4 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** CONSTRUCTION ONLY, BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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8 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** AND I WONDERED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THAT.

9 THANK YOU.

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11 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YEAH. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR

12 THE OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR, AND I SPEAK

13 FOR CULTURE CHANGE. WE SHOULD HAVE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

14 MANY TIMES I SEE A LOT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALES FROM THE

15 CHURCH HOUSE IN THE VERY DESTITUTE POSITION OF PUSHING

16 EVERYTHING THEY OWN IN A CARRIER SET. AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE

17 HAVE THOUSANDS OF ABANDONED HOUSES IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,

18 AND DEPARTMENTS. WE SHOULD LOWER THE RENTS AND LOWER THE

19 SITUATION SO WE CAN MOVE -- HAVE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE

20 SHOULD HAVE A SUPER-DEMOCRACY GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE WE ARE

21 LIVING IN AN UNNATURAL TIME. SUPER MEANS GO PAST ORDINARY TO

22 DO DUTY. END HOMELESSNESS ON SKID ROW. WE SHOULD END BLACK

23 EXPLOITATION ON SKID ROW. THE POLITICAL SYSTEM REPRESENTS

24 BLACK EXPLOITATION FOR THE HOMELESS. POLITICS DO NOT REPRESENT

25 BLACK AMERICA. END GENOCIDE OF BLACK AMERICA. END ETHNIC

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1 CLEANSING OF BLACK AMERICA. BRIDGE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. IN
2 THIS DOOMSDAY, WE SHOULD LIVE. IN THE DOOMSDAY WE'RE LIVING
3 IN, GOVERNMENT SHOULD GO IN A NEW DIRECTION. WE CANNOT HANDLE
4 THIS FREEDOM WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF THE CREATOR.

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. I'LL TAKE HIS 54 EXTRA SECONDS. IT'S
7 ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO YOU DON'T. START ALL OVER.

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11 **ERIC PREVEN:** I DO APPRECIATE THAT THE BOARD IS GOING TO
12 WASHINGTON, D.C. NEXT WEEK. AND, NATURALLY, WE CAN FEEL THE
13 EXCITEMENT. I THOUGHT I HEARD A CAR ALARM OPENING THE DOOR TO
14 GET OUT OF HERE. BUT, LOOK, IT'S ONLY TUESDAY, SO STAY SEATED,
15 SIR. I KNOW, EVERYBODY LIKES A GOOD TRIP TO D.C., AND MAYOR
16 ANTONOVICH WILL ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PROPERLY REIMBURSED, SIR,
17 LEST THERE BE ANY CONFUSION, LIKE THE SO CAL GAS FOLKS, AND I
18 DO APPRECIATE THAT, SIR. THANK YOU FOR THAT. NOW, LESS -- FROM
19 THE CATEGORY OF LESS APPRECIATION, MORE TRUTHFULNESS. THE
20 PLAYERS CLUB IS AN INTERESTING PROGRAM WE HAVE AT THE COUNTY
21 GOLF COURSES, SOME OF THEM, THE AMERICAN GOLF SET. NOW, IT'S
22 CRITICAL TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE
23 IN EACH OF THE PLAYERS CLUBS, MR. HAFETZ, ON A MONTHLY BASIS.
24 BUT THE CONTRACTOR, FOR WHATEVER REASON, HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO
25 SHARE. THEY SAY IT'S ALL IN THE RANGE FILE FOR THE DRIVING

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1 RANGE. NOW DRIVING RANGE IS FUN. WE ARE GOING TO GET MORE OF
2 THAT. WE'VE GOT LOTS OF THAT COMING. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
3 WE KNOW THAT NUMBER. AND ANY OTHER CONTRACTOR IN THE COUNTY,
4 THEY'RE ALL REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC RECORD ACT.
5 LET'S NOT KID ONE ANOTHER. SO, ANOTHER CONTRACTOR WOULD
6 PROBABLY BE DEBARRED. BUT THIS GROUP HAS MANAGED TO AVOID
7 PRESENTING THAT INFORMATION. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO JUST ASK
8 WICKER, WHO IS A LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON OVER
9 THERE, WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE. TODAY WE DID HEAR THE BAD
10 NEWS THAT WE HAVE WASTED ANOTHER SET OF DOLLARS FIGHTING A
11 LAWSUIT THAT WE HAD ALREADY LOST. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT
12 I'M PLEASED THAT FINALLY, HOPEFULLY, WE CAN PUT IT TO REST.
13 YOU'LL BE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION ON C.S.-5, SIR. THE --
14 EVERYBODY LOVES HISTORICAL ACCURACY. I THINK THAT'S A BASIC
15 TENET OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. BUT PEOPLE PREFER MORE, I THINK,
16 THE SENSE, WHAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID, I THINK, IN THE
17 PAPER THAT WE ARE NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF ENDORSING ONE
18 RELIGION OVER ANOTHER. SO THE SEAL, THE COUNTY SEAL, THAT
19 ISSUE, WHICH IS A 10-YEAR-OLD ISSUE, CAME BACK, AND NOW I
20 THINK IT'S BEEN SETTLED, FEDERAL JUDGE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL
21 NOT APPEAL IT. I HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AS A COMMUNITY
22 CELEBRATING OUR COUNTY, NOT OUR SEAL WITH A CROSS. THANK YOU.

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24 **JEFF DOUEK:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JEFF DOUEK. I'M THE OWNER OF
25 WEHO BISTRO IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. I'M THE PROPONENT IN A BALLOT

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1 ASSOCIATE TO CREATE FOR-DOG, OFF-LEASH DOG BEACHES IN L.A.
2 COUNTY, AND I JUST WANTED TO INFORM YOU OF THE BALLOT
3 INITIATIVE THAT I'M SPONSORING. WE HAVE 22,000 SIGNATURES NOW,
4 AND I HAVE ABOUT 1,500 VOLUNTEERS COLLECTING THE 146,000
5 SIGNATURES THAT WE NEED TO QUALIFY FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.
6 WE'RE ASKING FOR FOUR BEACH AREAS TO BE DESIGNATED AS OFF-
7 LEASH DOG BEACHES, A QUARTER-MILE WIDE EACH. WE'RE LETTING THE
8 COUNTY DECIDE WHERE THEY WANT TO PUT THEM, AS LONG AS THEY
9 SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE COUNTY. THIS IS A REVENUE-GENERATING
10 PROPOSITION, BECAUSE THE PARKING FEES WILL MORE THAN OFFSET
11 THE DOGGY BAGS AND OCCASIONAL MAINTENANCE. A WOMAN CALLED ME
12 LAST WEEK, BECAUSE SHE GOT A \$250 TICKET FOR TAKING HER DOG TO
13 THE BEACH, AND ON TOP OF THAT, ANIMAL CONTROL GAVE HER A \$500
14 TICKET. SO, SHE ENDED UP PAYING \$750 BECAUSE SHE TOOK HER DOG
15 TO THE BEACH. WE'RE HAVING AN EVENT ON ROSIE'S DOG BEACH IN
16 LONG BEACH THIS WEEKEND ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH, FROM 11 A.M. TO
17 2 A.M. WE INVITE ANY OF YOU WHO LIKE DOGS TO COME AND JOIN US.
18 I HAVE A LITTLE PACKAGE OF INFORMATION FOR EACH ONE OF YOU.
19 AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I GAVE YOUR PACKAGE TO YOUR OFFICE
20 ALREADY.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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24 **JEFF DOUEK:** THERE'S A LITTLE PACKAGE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT
25 THE PROPOSITION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **JEFF DOUEK:** I HOPE TO MEET YOU EACH AND DISCUSS THIS
5 PROPOSITION IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING IT. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
10 AND A RECAP OF SOME OF THE NEWS ARTICLES THIS PAST COUPLE OF
11 WEEKS. THERE WAS A STORY. BARBARA BOXER WAS ASKED ABOUT THE
12 OIL WELLS IN ALISO CANYON, AND SHE MENTIONED, SHE WAS QUOTED
13 IN THE NEWSPAPER AS SAYING THE PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE -- NO.
14 LET'S SEE. THE GAS COMPANY SHOULDN'T BE OPERATING WHERE PEOPLE
15 LIVE. BUT THE FACILITIES WERE IN OPERATION LONG BEFORE PEOPLE
16 LIVED THERE. SO I WAS WONDERING HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT THIS
17 ARTICLE FROM MARCH 8TH, WELLS NEAR L.A. SCHOOL REACTIVATED.
18 THE OIL WELLS NEAR LONG-IDLED OIL WELLS NEAR AN L.A. SCHOOL
19 HAVE BEEN REACTIVATED. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT? I
20 MEAN, SHOULD THOSE PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME OPTIONS AS THE PEOPLE
21 AT ALISO CANYON? AND HOW ABOUT PLAYA VISTA? TECH HUB RISES IN
22 PLAYA VISTA, BUT THERE'S OIL STORAGE IN PLAYA DEL REY?
23 SHOULDN'T THOSE PEOPLE BE AWARE OF THAT? WHAT'S FASCINATING
24 ABOUT THE STORIES ABOUT THE CORPORATE SECURITY -- SECRECY
25 THRIVING IN THE U.S. AND THE ONE STORY OF THE LETTERS TO THE

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1 EDITOR ABOUT PRAISE OF THE PRESS. AND THE BEST PART ABOUT THE
2 STORY, THOUGH, IS THANK GOD FOR THE FREE PRESS. AND THAT'S A
3 REAL IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY -- NOTATION TO MAKE THERE, THE FREE
4 PRESS, BECAUSE IN L.A. COUNTY, FREE PRESS DOESN'T EXIST.
5 THERE'S A CORPORATE LINE, THERE'S A GOVERNMENT LINE, AND
6 PEOPLE DON'T FOLLOW-UP WITH ANY QUESTIONS. PEOPLE DON'T
7 FOLLOW-UP WITH ANY ANYTHING. IT'S WHAT COMES OUT OF -- IT'S
8 LIKE CHATTY KATHY. YOU PULL A STRING ON THE BACK OF A DOLL,
9 AND WHAT WE SAY IS WHAT'S HAPPENING. IT'S RIDICULOUS.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CHRISTIAN EMANUEL. I DON'T KNOW THAT
12 HE'S HERE. PERHAPS NOT. OKAY. OKAY, MEMBERS, I THINK THAT
13 CONCLUDES THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING. WE'LL NOW BE CALLED
14 INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
17 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
19 C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
20 LITIGATION; C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS;
21 AND C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
22 LITIGATION. ITEMS C.S.-1, C.S.-3 AND C.S.-6 WILL BE CONTINUED
23 UNTIL THE APRIL 26TH, 2016 BOARD MEETING. PLEASE BE ADVISED
24 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' APRIL 19, 2016 MEETING IS
25 CANCELED TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH

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1 FEDERAL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS BEGINNING APRIL 18,
2 2016, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION APRIL 12, 2016**

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5 In Open Session items CS-1, CS-3 and CS-6 were continued two
6 weeks to April 26, 2016.

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8 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-4 or CS-5.

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